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FBI details items taken from Mar-a-Lago

Empty folders marked classified raise questions about what could be missing

By Charlie Savage and Alan Feuer
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The FBI’s search of former president Donald Trump’s Florida club and residence last month turned up 48 empty folders marked as containing classified information, a newly disclosed court

filing shows, raising the question of whether the government had fully recovered the documents or any remain missing.

The filing, a detailed list of items retrieved in the search, was unsealed Friday as part of the court fight over whether to appoint an independent arbiter to review the ma-

terials taken by federal agents when they descended on Trump’s estate, Mar-a-Lago, on Aug. 8.

Along with the empty folders with classified markings, the FBI discovered 40 more empty folders that said they contained sensitive documents the user should “return to staff secretary/military aide,” according to the inventory. It also said that agents found seven documents marked as “top secret” in Trump’s office and 11 more in a storage

room.

The list and an accompanying court filing from the Justice Department did not say whether all the contents of the folders had been recovered. But the filing noted that the inquiry into Trump’s handling of the documents remained “an active criminal investigation.”

The inventory also sheds further light on how documents marked as classified were stored haphazardly, **TRUMP, Page A6**

Court file on Arroyo reports ‘no crime’

Documents do not say woman making claim lied

By Danny McDonald, Evan Allen, and Andrea Estes
GLOBE STAFF

A Boston police detective in 2006 found that sexual assault allegations made against Ricardo Arroyo when he was a teenager were “unfounded,” meaning they did not constitute a crime, according to documents unsealed Friday.

“There was no crime committed,” wrote Assistant District Attorney Tara Burdman in a Feb. 17, 2006, e-mail to an investigator about the allegations made by one of Arroyo’s high school classmates.

In an unredacted version of the e-mail obtained by the Globe, Burdman goes on to say, “There is no indication that [defendant] threatened or was violent towards [victim].”

Arroyo, a candidate for Suffolk district attorney, went to court to obtain the documents after The Boston Globe published several stories about investigations of possible sexual assault by him when he was a teenager, one in 2005 and the other in 2007. The disclosure prompted numerous high-profile politicians to withdraw their support of him.

But the documents do not say the alleged victim lied or that the conduct she alleged — that Ar-

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‘It has a real, natural beauty. And then there is a day-trip partying crowd.’

JANET DIONIS, *who works at the Block Island Historical Society*



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Beachgoers relaxed and enjoyed the ocean on Mohegan Bluffs Beach on Rhode Island’s Block Island at the end of August.

Block Island has two sides: a retreat and a place to party

Sometimes, especially in summer, it can seem there’s not room for both

By Alexa Gagosz, Carlos Muñoz, and Lylah Alphonse
GLOBE STAFF

NEW SHOREHAM, R.I. — While the well-known islands off the coast of Massachusetts are seen as elite havens for wealthy visitors, Block Island has always drawn a more diverse crowd eager to explore the island’s beaches, bird-watching options, and rural beauty — or to drink and party, sometimes loudly, in town.

“It’s a little grittier than Nantucket or Martha’s Vineyard,” said Janet Dionis, who works at the Block Island Historical Society. “It has a real, natural beauty. And then



People socialized while riding the ferry away from Block Island to Point Judith, R.I., after a day trip.

there is a day-trip partying crowd, but I don’t think it dominates.”

The summer retreat’s reputation for partying, not its natural beauty, came to the fore in August after fights broke out at a free music festival at Ballard’s Beach Resort and, later that same night, on the Block Island Ferry. Members of the Coast Guard boarded the vessel in open water to break up the fights, confiscating weapons and making several arrests.

The town’s Board of License Commissioners on Aug. 22 voted unanimously to strip Ballard’s of its liquor and entertainment licenses for two weeks, potentially crippling

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LARRY EDELMAN
COMMENTARY

Just right jobs report affirms Fed

Just as a hot summer yields to fall, the overheated job market is starting to cool off. Whether it settles into a temperate zone that supports moderate economic growth and falling inflation — well, that remains to be seen.

US employers added 315,000 jobs in August, the Labor Department said on Friday, a healthy clip but down from July’s sizzling pace of 526,000 new jobs. It was also significantly below the average for the first seven months of the year.

The jobless rate ticked up to 3.7 percent, in part because more people were officially counted as unemployed as they came off the sidelines to look for work. That’s welcome news for employers, who have struggled to fill jobs even at higher wages since the economy roared back from pandemic shutdowns in the spring of 2020.

It’s a cliché, but Friday’s “Goldilocks” job report — not too hot, not too cold — is just what the country needed this Labor Day weekend, as the Federal Reserve remains locked in on aggressive tightening.

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Massachusetts lawmakers said that they plan to hold a hearing in October to determine whether the state Department of Public Utilities should continue its role as the MBTA’s safety regulator. **B1.**

Finance ministers from the Group of Seven pledged to impose a cap on the price of Russian oil in a bid to limit the Kremlin’s revenues and ability to fund its war in Ukraine. **A4.**

Federal health regulators remain unconvinced about the benefits of an experimental drug for the debilitating illness known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, even as they prepare to give drugmaker Amylyx Pharmaceuticals a rare second opportunity to make a public case for the treatment. **D1.**



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In Democratic AG’s race, hopefuls offer 2 kinds of experience

By Ivy Scott
GLOBE STAFF

To be the attorney general of Massachusetts, the “people’s lawyer” as the position is sometimes called, does it matter how much and what type of legal experience a candidate has?

That’s increasingly the focus of the fight between the two Democrats squaring off in Tuesday’s primary to be the party’s nominee for the highest law enforcement position in the state.

One candidate, Shannon Liss-Riordan, has aimed to highlight her two decades of experience as a class-action litigator, calling out the shorter legal résumé of her opponent, former Boston City Council president Andrea Campbell, who has spent more of her career shaping policy than in the courtroom.

Campbell, meanwhile, has said her diverse portfolio of le-

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BATTLING TO THE END — In what was expected to be the last tournament of her career, Serena Williams ran out of magic in the US Open on Friday night, falling in a hard-fought third-round match to Australia’s Ajla Tomljanovic. **C1.**

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The Nation

\$1 billion in federal grants headed coast to coast

Investments will bring 100,000 jobs, Raimondo says

By Josh Boak
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government will send \$1 billion worth of federal grants for manufacturing, clean energy, farming, biotech, and more to 21 regional partnerships across the nation, President Biden and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo announced Friday.

The 21 were chosen from 529 initial applicants vying for grants as part of last year’s \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package. The Biden administration has laid out a vision for the economy that is more self-sufficient and driven by high-tech manufacturing and development of renewable energy.

“We designed this program

by thinking about people and places,” Biden said at a White House event. “This is about jobs in their communities for them, not having to leave or not having to go on unemployment. ”

Unlike much of the pandemic aid that was meant to address immediate needs, the grants are part of a longer-term effort to revitalize parts of the country that have needed an economic jolt. The money will include funds for existing industries and capital for new ventures. The grants are the largest ever for local economic development provided by the Commerce Department, Raimondo said.

She said the effort is personal for her. Her father lost his job at a watch factory in Rhode Island.

“The whole point of this is we’re not going to let you get left behind as we transition to a more digital economy, to a more technical economy, to a green

economy,” Raimondo said in an interview.

The grants include \$65.1 million for California to improve farm production and \$25 million for a robotics cluster in Nebraska. Georgia gets \$65 million for artificial intelligence. There is \$63.7 million for lithium-based battery development in New York. Coal counties in West Virginia would receive \$62.8 million to help with the shift to solar power and find new uses for abandoned mines.

“I can’t tell you how much this means to our hard-working people in West Virginia,” said that state’s Democratic Senator Joe Manchin, who attended the announcement virtually.

Raimondo estimated that the investments, which will be provided over five years as reimbursements, will result in at least 100,000 jobs.

Solidly Republican states

such as Oklahoma and South Dakota received funding, and money also is going ahead of November’s midterm elections toward political battlegrounds that could decide control of Congress. There is \$44 million for regenerative medicine in New Hampshire, where Democrat Maggie Hassan is defending her US Senate seat. Pennsylvania, which has an open Senate seat, is set to receive \$62.7 million for robotics and artificial intelligence.

Raimondo said the winners were chosen based on merit rather than politics

“Let me ask you: How is this going to play out on the political scene?” Biden asked the Pennsylvania team attending Friday’s event virtually.

Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, a Democrat, quickly answered with a campaign ready line: “President

Biden continues to invest in people and in jobs and in our future.”

The massive amount of coronavirus aid at the start of Biden’s tenure helped to accelerate job growth as the US recovered from the pandemic. But accompanying the hiring was a burst of inflation that hit a 40-year peak this summer, crushing consumer sentiment and putting the administration on the defensive to show how its policies are helping the economy.

Even as much of the coronavirus money has been disbursed, the administration has said it still needs more to contain the disease and its variations. On Friday, the White House said it would seek \$7.1 billion for additional vaccines and personal protective equipment as well as \$2 billion for free at-home coronavirus tests as part of a broader emergency

funding request.

Biden had earlier sought \$22.5 billion from Congress to address and prevent outbreaks, a figure that lawmakers reduced to \$10 billion in negotiations. But that additional funding was never passed by Congress despite confirmed cases that are now averaging about 90,000 daily.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre tried to minimize the lack of funding after the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved modified booster shots of the vaccines. Jean-Pierre said booster shots would be available after the Labor Day holiday as the administration has worked with local partners.

The grants for economic development indicate that the relief package could have a multi-decade impact that goes beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.



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EVACUATION ORDERED — A fast-moving fire in Northern California threatened hundreds of homes Friday and authorities ordered at least 5,000 residents across three communities — Weed, Lake Shastina, and Edgewood — in Siskiyou County to evacuate after the blaze spread in hot and windy conditions to 500 acres in about an hour, the Sheriff’s Office said.

Red flag laws getting little use as shootings, gun deaths soar

Lack of awareness, police resistance cited as factors

By Bernard Condon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many states barely use laws they have on the books that give them the power to take guns away from people threatening to kill, an Associated Press analysis found — a trend blamed on a lack of awareness of the laws and resistance by some police to enforce them even as shootings and gun deaths soar.

AP found the so-called red flag laws in 19 states and the District of Columbia were used to remove firearms from people 15,049 times since 2020 — fewer than 10 per 100,000 adult residents. Experts called that woefully low and not nearly enough to make a dent in gun violence, considering the millions of firearms in circulation and countless potential warning signs law enforcement officers encounter from gun owners every day.

“It’s too small a pebble to make a ripple,” Duke University sociologist Jeffrey Swanson, who has studied red flag gun surrender orders across the nation, said of the AP tally. “It’s as if the law doesn’t exist.”

“The number of people we are catching with red flags is likely infinitesimal,” added Indiana University law professor Jody Madeira, who like other experts who reviewed AP’s findings wouldn’t speculate how many red flag removal orders would be necessary to make a

difference.

The search for solutions comes amid a string of mass shootings in Buffalo, Uvalde, Texas, and Highland Park, Ill., and a spike in gun violence not seen in decades: 27,000 deaths so far this year, following 45,000 deaths each of the past two years.

AP’s count, compiled from inquiries and Freedom of Information Law requests, showed wide disparities in how the

counties as “Second Amendment Sanctuaries,” opposing laws that infringe on gun rights, may have affected red flag enforcement in several states.

In Colorado, 37 counties that consider themselves “sanctuaries” issued just 45 surrender orders in the two years through last year, a fifth fewer than non-sanctuary counties did per resident.

New Mexico and Nevada re-

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JEFFREY SWANSON, *Duke University sociologist who studied red flag gun surrender orders across the country*

laws were enforced, most without regard to population, gun ownership, or crime rates.

Florida led with 5,800 such orders, or 34 per 100,000 adult residents, but that is due mostly to aggressive enforcement in a few counties that don’t include Miami-Dade and others with more gun killings. More than a quarter of Illinois’s slim 154 orders came from one suburban county that makes up just 7 percent of the state’s population, and just four orders came from shootings-wracked Chicago.

California had 3,197 orders but was working through a backlog of three times that number of people barred from owning guns under a variety of measures who had not yet surrendered them.

And a national movement among politicians and sheriffs that’s declared nearly 2,000

ported only about 20 orders combined.

“The law shouldn’t even be there in the first place,” argued Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff who heads the pro-gun Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association. “You’re taking away someone’s property and means of self-defense.”

Red flag laws, most of which came into effect over the last four years, allow police officers who believe gun owners are an imminent danger to themselves or others to petition a judge to order firearms surrendered or, barring that, seized for an “emergency” period, typically two weeks.

The judge can then convene a court hearing in which petitioners present evidence to withhold weapons longer, typically a year, and the owner can argue against that.

Danielle season’s first hurricane

Tropical Storm Danielle strengthened into a hurricane Friday, the first of a relatively quiet 2022 Atlantic season.

The storm, which became a hurricane just before 10:50 a.m. Friday, does not present an immediate threat to land. The National Hurricane Center expects it to “meander” through open water for the next few days. The storm had maximum sustained winds near 75 miles per hour.

Danielle reached tropical storm strength Thursday morning, only the fourth such storm this year, and strengthened quickly throughout the day.

Forecasters were also watching two other disturbances in the Atlantic: one that was several hundred miles east of the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean, and one near the Cabo Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa.

Danielle’s formation comes after a relatively quiet start to the Atlantic hurricane season, with just the three other named storms. Alex, which formed in early June, caused flooding across South Florida and killed at least three people in Cuba. Bonnie tore across Central America as a tropical storm in July and briefly became the first major hurricane of the Pacific hurricane season. Colin, the most recent named storm, formed over the Fourth of July weekend, drenching the Carolinas.

There were no named storms in the Atlantic during August, the first time that has happened since 1997.

NEW YORK TIMES

DAILY BRIEFING

4 dead as van flips on N.J. highway

Four people were killed and eight injured when a passenger van overturned on the Palisades Interstate Parkway in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., early Friday, according to police.

The van, a Ford Econoline E350, which was found overturned on the center median of the southbound lanes around 1:30 a.m. Friday, was returning workers from upstate New York factories to their homes, according to the Palisades Interstate Parkway police.

The van had New York license plates.

The passengers were trapped inside the van and had to be extricated, according to police officials. Four people were pronounced dead at the scene.

Eight of the passengers sustained injuries, including severe head trauma.

The passengers have not been identified, and an investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing.

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Nursing home workers in Pa. strike

Hundreds of workers from 14 Pennsylvania nursing homes went on strike Friday after contract negotiations failed to produce a deal, frustrating state officials who recently approved an aid package meant to bolster staff recruitment and retention in the long-term-care industry.

About 700 unionized workers walked off the job in a dispute over pay, benefits, and staffing levels. Photos and video on social media showed

picket lines going up, with workers carrying signs and wearing the purple T-shirts of their union, SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania.

Matthew Yarnell, SEIU president, accused the nursing home operators of “failing to create the kind of wage scales we’ve been able to achieve with other providers.”

Talks began Thursday morning and ended early Friday without an agreement.

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Indictment in boat fire is tossed

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles federal judge threw out an indictment Friday charging a dive boat captain with manslaughter in the deaths of 34 people in a 2019 fire aboard a vessel anchored off the Southern California coast.

The ruling came on the third anniversary of one of the deadliest maritime disasters in

recent US history as the Conception went down in flames Sept. 2, 2019.

Captain Jerry Boylan, 68, failed to follow safety rules, federal prosecutors said.

But the indictment failed to specify that Boylan acted with gross negligence, which US District Judge George Wu said was required.

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ANGST IN ARGENTINA — A vendor displayed T-shirts Friday, some depicting Argentine Vice President Cristina Fernandez (top center; near right), near a march in support of her a day after a person pointed a gun at her outside her home in Buenos Aires. Authorities were investigating whether Fernando André Sabag Montiel, a 35-year-old Brazilian citizen, was a lone gunman or part of a larger organization.

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OLEKSANDR VILKUL, *head of military administration of Kryvyi Rih, a hub for Ukraine’s counteroffensive*

Ukraine starts making small gains in the south

Officials caution against high expectations

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff
NEW YORK TIMES

KRYVYI RIH, Ukraine — After weeks of pounding Russian supply lines and logistical hubs, the Ukrainian military pushed forward this week with its southern counteroffensive, breaking through some front-line defenses to retake several small villages and signaling its ability to strike a larger force that has spent months preparing for such an attack.

But the fighting has been tough against an enemy battling to hold onto territory it has controlled since the first days of the war, which started in February. Russian troops have heavily mined the fields and approaches around their own defensive earthworks, hampering a swift Ukrainian advance, Ukrainian and American officials said.

“There are offensive actions — there is also certain success,” said Oleksandr Vilkul, the head of the military administration of the city of Kryvyi Rih, which has served as a logistical hub for

the southern offensive.

Ukrainian forces have advanced from the northwest and southwest toward the Russia-occupied city of Kherson, the first major city that Russia captured after the invasion began.

In some areas, Ukraine has run into staunch resistance, soldiers familiar with the battle said, but details of the operations remain murky as Ukrainian officials have revealed little about the offensive and have issued restrictions on media access to the front line.

Ukrainian troops are pushing to dislodge Russian forces entrenched on the western side of the Dnieper River, which has served as a natural barrier. But it is unclear if this will turn out to be the broad and sustained offensive Ukraine has been forecasting. The battle’s outcome will most likely be decided by the amount of firepower on each side — for Ukrainian forces to rout the Russian defenders or for the Russians to push the Ukrainians back to their old front-line positions.

After Russian forces invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24 and suffered a stinging defeat around the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, the war has devolved into one of attrition: Both sides’ advantages

have been measured in the amount of troops, vehicles, and ammunition available to be thrown into combat.

The number of Russian and Ukrainian dead and wounded are well into the tens of thousands. The front lines had barely moved in recent weeks before the Ukrainians launched their offensive in the south. In the east, they have only incrementally shifted in Moscow’s favor, after Russian forces made a big push at the end of June and in early July captured the neighboring cities of Lysychansk and Sievierodonetsk.

But no matter the outcome around the port of Kherson, the main center of the region, the continuing battle is a reminder that despite high casualty numbers and embattled units spread along a 1,500-mile front line, the Ukrainian military has mustered enough troops to make encouraging gains, even as analysts caution against overestimating progress.

“Those watching this battle from afar need to moderate their expectations about how fast the Ukrainians will be able to prosecute this offensive,” said Michael Kofman, director of Russian studies at CNA, a research institute in Arlington,



TYLER HICKS/NEW YORK TIMES

Ukrainian mechanics repaired a captured Russian armored personnel carrier in the Donetsk region late last month.

Va. “The Russians have had time to entrench.”

Ukrainian officials have also cautioned against setting expectations too high, saying this will be a brutal winter as they fight to retake territory, with civilians in the middle suffering most.

In Kryvyi Rih, the largest city in central Ukraine, there are already 70,000 internally displaced people, half of whom are from the Kherson region, said Sergiy Miliutin, deputy mayor of the city.

Unverified videos posted from the offensive showed Ukrainian tanks pushing through fields with huddled infantry trailing behind. Ukrainian casualties, in some areas, have been heavy, some soldiers have said.

“The amount of shelling increased a lot along the whole front line,” Vilkul said in an interview Thursday morning. The Russians, he said, “are using all kinds of Multiple Launch Rocket Systems — Grads, Smerch, Hurricane, gun artillery, tanks, mortars and cruise missiles.”

Vilkul, who would not divulge specifics of the offensive, attributed the partial gains to “blows that the Ukrainian army lent to the enemy’s rear.”

US defense officials attributed the timing of the southern offensive to President Volodymyr Zelensky’s strong desire to regain Ukrainian territory before the winter. It would also allow Ukraine to strike before new Russian reinforcements arrive on the front line.

G-7 to move forward with cap on Russian oil price

Aims to curb Kremlin’s funding of Ukraine war

By Geir Moulson
and David McHugh
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrial powers on Friday pledged to impose a cap on the price of Russian oil in a bid to limit the Kremlin’s revenues and ability to fund its war in Ukraine, while also curtailing the war’s impact on energy prices and inflation.

The ministers said they would impose the cap by barring insurance or shipping companies from helping Russia sell oil at prices above the set limit.

The decision follows discussions at the group’s summit earlier this year and aims at solving one of the vexing problems with

sanctions against Russia: Global oil prices have risen on fears of restricted supply, which has only fattened the Kremlin’s take.

Meanwhile, skyrocketing energy prices have fed inflation that is squeezing consumers in rich and poor countries alike and threatens to push Europe into recession.

In a statement issued by Germany, which chairs the G-7 this year, the ministers said they “confirm our joint political intention to finalize and implement a comprehensive prohibition of services which enable maritime transportation of Russian-origin crude oil and petroleum products globally.”

Providing those services “would only be allowed if the oil and petroleum products are purchased at or below a price (‘the price cap’) determined by the broad coalition of countries adhering to and implementing

the price cap,” they added.

The statement did not give any proposed figure for a potential price cap and also did not specify when the G-7 aims to finalize the plan. It said that “we invite all countries to provide input on the price cap’s design and to implement this important measure,” calling for a “broad coalition in order to maximize effectiveness.”

The G-7 is made up of the United States, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada, and Japan. When they met in June in Germany, G-7 leaders agreed to explore a price cap but said the idea needed further discussion, a testimony to the complexity of implementing it.

The measure — pushed by President Biden — could work because the service providers are mostly located in the European Union or the UK and thus within reach of sanctions. To be effective, however, it would

have to involve as many importing countries as possible, in particular India where refiners have been snapping up cheap Russian oil shunned by Western traders.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak has said Russia will refuse to sell oil to countries or companies that observe the cap.

The United States has already blocked Russian oil imports, which were small in any case. The European Union has decided to impose a ban on the 90 percent of Russian oil that comes by sea, but that does not take effect until the end of the year.

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said that the G-7 had taken “a critical step forward” and that “today’s action will help deliver a major blow (to) Russian finances and will both hinder Russia’s ability to fight its unprovoked war in Ukraine and

hasten the deterioration of the Russian economy.”

“We have already begun to see the impact of the price cap through Russia’s hurried attempts to negotiate bilateral oil trades at massive discounts,” Yellen said in a statement.

A senior US Treasury official, insisting on anonymity to discuss the strategic thinking, said the caps would create a new baseline price for countries such as China and India that are not part of the coalition that purchase oil from Russia. Lower prices paid to Russia by these nations would accomplish the coalition’s goal, said the official, who added that Russia is aggressively trying to lock-in long term contracts now to limit the loss of potential oil revenues.

Friday’s G-7 statement said the group encourages other oil-producing countries to increase production in order to decrease volatility in energy markets.

DAILY BRIEFING

Arrest made in attack on gay pride event

BERLIN — A 20-year-old man was arrested Friday in connection with a fatal attack on a 25-year-old man at a gay pride event in the western city of Muenster last month.

The victim, identified in German media only by his first name, Malte, had come to the aid of other participants at the Aug. 27 Christopher Street Day event after they were insulted by an unknown man. The man then attacked the victim, knocking him to the ground.

The victim suffered serious injuries in the attack and died early Friday, authorities said.

Police said they were able to arrest a suspect at the city’s main train station Friday after identifying him based on photos and videos provided by witnesses.

Prosecutors said they will ask a judge on Saturday to order the man kept in investigative detention on suspicion of bodily harm resulting in death.

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Payments for 1972 Olympics families

BERLIN — The German government confirmed Friday that the families of 11 Israeli athletes killed by Palestinian militants at the 1972 Munich Olympics will receive a total of about \$28 million in compensation.

The figure includes payments already made. The 50th anniversary of the attack will be commemorated on Monday.

Germany has agreed to acknowledge failures that authorities made at the time and to allow German and Israeli historians to review the events surrounding the attack.

Members of the Palestinian group Black September broke into the Olympic Village, killed two athletes from Israel’s national team, and took nine more hostage on Sept. 5, 1972. The attackers hoped to force the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. All nine hostages and a West German police officer died during a rescue attempt by German forces.

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Ex-leader returns to Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled the country in July after tens of thousands of protesters stormed his home and office in a display of anger over Sri Lanka’s economic crisis, has returned to the country after seven weeks.

Rajapaksa flew into Colombo’s Bandaranaike international airport around midnight Friday from Bangkok via Singapore. He left the airport in a heavily guarded motorcade.

On July 13, the ousted leader left aboard an air force plane for the Maldives, before traveling to Singapore, from where he officially resigned.

Rajapaksa has no court case or arrest warrant pending against him.

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France warned about terror risk

PARIS — There is an elevated threat of terror attacks on French soil by Islamic extremists coming from Iraq and Syria, France’s national antiterrorism prosecutor warned Friday.

Jean-Francois Ricard said in an interview on French news broadcaster BFM TV that terrorist acts carried out “by individuals coming from areas where terrorists are operating, especially the Iraqi-Syrian area” cannot be ruled out.

Ricard’s comments came ahead of the opening of the trial of eight suspects in connection with the 2016 Bastille Day truck attack in Nice that left 86 people dead.

Ricard said the extremist threat has increased since 2020.

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Myanmar gives more prison time to ousted leader

Suu Kyi faces 3 more years despite world outcry

By Sui-Lee Wee
NEW YORK TIMES

Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's ousted civilian leader who was detained in a coup last year, was sentenced to three more years in prison with hard labor on Friday, when a court found her guilty of election fraud in a case the army brought against her after her political party won in a landslide in 2020.

The latest sentence brings her total prison term to 20 years, an indication that the junta is not easing its pressure on Suu Kyi despite international condemnation. The guilty verdict comes as the military seeks to erase her influence in the country. Last month, Myanmar's military-backed Supreme Court announced that it would auction off her residence, where she spent nearly 15 years under house arrest under a previous regime.

The election fraud case stems from a November 2021 charge brought by the junta-controlled Election Commission: Suu Kyi and other senior officials were accused of manipulating voter

lists to clinch the 2020 election. Suu Kyi's political party, the National League for Democracy, crushed the military-backed party in that vote, which independent international observers declared free and fair.

The election commission's previous members also pushed back against the claim of voter fraud, saying there was no evidence. A day after announcing the coup in February 2021, the army dismissed all the members of the commission and installed its own people. It later announced that the election results had been canceled.

In July, Suu Kyi testified for the first time on the election fraud charge, saying she was not guilty. On Friday, a judge in Naypyitaw, the capital, also sentenced Win Myint, the country's ousted president, to three years (the maximum term) on the same charge.

The junta, which has long rejected criticisms that the charges against Suu Kyi were politically motivated, has accused her of breaking the law. In the election fraud case, it said it had found nearly 10.5 million instances of irregularities and had identified entries where a person's national identification number had been repeated — either under the same name or a different one. It

also said it found ballots with no national identification number listed at all.

The US-based Carter Center, which had more than 40 observers visiting polling stations on Election Day, said voting had taken place “without major irregularities being reported by mission observers.”

Friday's sentencing was the fifth verdict meted out against Suu Kyi, 77, who has already stood trial on a series of other charges that include inciting public unrest and breaching COVID-19 protocols. It was the first time she had been sentenced to hard labor, which forces convicts to carry heavy rocks in quarries — a practice international rights groups have denounced. She is appealing the sentence, according to a source familiar with the legal proceedings.

She had already been sentenced to a total of 17 years in prison starting in December 2021. She still faces eight more charges relating to corruption and violating the official secrets act. If found guilty on all remaining charges, she could face a maximum imprisonment of 119 years.

Suu Kyi, a Nobel laureate, has denied all of the charges against her, while the United Nations and many other international



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As the military seeks to erase Aung San Suu Kyi's influence in Myanmar, she faces hard labor.

organizations have demanded her freedom.

No one has heard from Suu Kyi since she was detained, except for her lawyers, who are banned from speaking to the media. She is being held in solitary confinement, whereas previous military regimes allowed her remain under house arrest.

Despite the regime's effort to make her disappear, Suu Kyi is still revered by many in Myanmar. A paper fan that belonged to her sold in an online auction for more than \$340,000 last month to help a victim who had been burned by the military in an arson attack. Her son, Kim Aris, auctioned off a piece of art that sold for more than \$1 mil-

lion — money that will go toward helping victims of the military's brutality.

Myanmar has been wracked by widespread protests since the coup. Thousands of armed resistance fighters are battling the army, carrying out bombings and assassinations that have handicapped the military in some parts of the country. The civil disobedience movement, started by striking doctors, teachers, and railway workers, is still going strong.

Also on Friday, the junta sentenced Vicky Bowman, a former British ambassador, and her Burmese husband, Ko Htein Lin, to one year in prison for breaching immigration laws, according

to a prison official.

Since 2013, Bowman has been heading the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business, a business ethics advisory group that says its goals include the promotion of human rights through responsible business in Myanmar.

The charge against Bowman has been widely seen as a pretext for cracking down on her for views the government may have considered critical, although her business was operated as a consultancy and did not play a notably vocal role in public affairs.

Responding to reports of the sentencing, Britain's Foreign Office in London said, “We will continue to support Ms Bowman and her family until their case is resolved.”

The couple were arrested on Aug. 24, the military government announced last week. It said Bowman, who served as the British envoy in 2002-2006, was detained for failing to inform the authorities last year when she and her husband moved from their registered address in Yangon to Kalaw township in Shan state in east-central Myanmar. They were arrested during a trip back to Yangon.

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DOUBLE THE GUARD — Number 12 Company Irish Guards marched at Wellington Barracks, central London, before commencing their first Guard Mount at Buckingham Palace Friday.

18 killed in blast at Afghan mosque

Cleric with ties to Taliban is among the dead

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HERAT, Afghanistan — An explosion tore through a crowded mosque in western Afghanistan on Friday, killing at least 18 people, including a prominent cleric close to the Taliban, Taliban officials and a local medic said. At least 23 people were hurt.

The explosion in the city of Herat left the courtyard of the Guzargah Mosque littered with bodies, the ground stained with blood, video from the scene showed.

The bomb went off during Friday noon prayers, when mosques are full of worshippers.

Among the dead was Mujib-ul Rahman Ansari, a prominent cleric who was known across Afghanistan for his criticism of the country's Western-backed governments over the past two decades. Ansari was seen as close to the Taliban, who seized control over Afghanistan a year ago as foreign forces withdrew.

His death was confirmed by the chief Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid. Just before the bombing, Ansari had been meeting in another part of the city with the Taliban govern-

ment's deputy prime minister, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who was on a visit to Herat. Ansari had rushed from the meeting to the mosque to get to the noon prayers, an aide to Baradar said in a tweet mourning the cleric.

Ansari's brother, Habib ul Rahman, was also among those killed, according to Islam Jar, the governor of Herat province. Jar said another 23 people were wounded in the attack, updating an earlier toll.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Friday's blast.

Last month, a bombing at a mosque in the capital Kabul targeted and killed a pro-Taliban cleric in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. IS has waged a bloody campaign of attacks on Taliban targets and minority groups, particularly Shiites whom the extremist Sunni IS considers heretics. It has frequently hit mosques with suicide attacks during Friday prayers.

The 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation condemned Friday's attack.

The Saudi-based body of Muslim states “remains gravely concerned that sporadic attacks and explosions in various provinces across the country continue to mar the security and social peace of Afghan people,” it said in a statement.

Contentious vote in Chile could transform Indigenous rights

Odds are stacked against the new constitution

By Ana Lankes
NEW YORK TIMES

TEMUCO, Chile — The Mapuche people beat back Incan invaders. They fended off Spanish colonizers. And centuries later, they have continued to wage a battle for the recognition of their territories in modern Chile.

Now, in what could be one of the biggest victories for Indigenous groups in modern history, the Mapuches are on the verge of achieving much of what they have been fighting for.

On Sunday, Chileans will vote on a new constitution that would enshrine some of the most extensive rights for Indigenous people anywhere in the world, according to experts. More than 2 million Indigenous Chileans, 80 percent of whom are Mapuche, would be able to govern their own territories, have their own courts, and be recognized as distinct nations within Chile, a nation of 19 million people.

But those changes have also become the most contentious part of the proposed charter, and

a focal point of the campaign to reject it. The campaign's efforts appear to be working: The option to reject is leading the polls ahead of the referendum. Even the left-wing government recently promised to narrow down some Indigenous rights if the constitution is approved, though how, or if, that would happen is unclear.

“When we started this constitutional process, we never imagined that this would be the topic on which the outcome of the plebiscite will probably be de-

termined,” said Elisa Loncón, a Mapuche linguist who wore traditional dress to the plenary sessions and often greeted other convention members in Mapudungun, the Mapuche language.

The Indigenous representatives left their mark on the draft text. The first article of the new constitution would declare Chile a “plurinational” state, meaning that multiple nations would be recognized within Chile's borders. It would enshrine quotas for Indigenous people in all elected bodies, including at the

president, regional, and municipal levels. Indigenous people would have autonomous territories and gain protection over their lands and the natural resources on them. Most controversially, a parallel Indigenous justice system would rule in cases that do not affect fundamental rights or international treaties signed by Chile.

“I think this constitution effectively puts itself in the vanguard,” said Antonia Rivas, a lawyer and anthropologist who advised several first nations representatives at the convention. “Indigenous rights got into every part of the text because they became an orienting principle.”

In all, 56 of the constitution's 388 proposed articles touch on Indigenous rights, said Sebastián Donoso, a board member of the country's National Human Rights Institute. Some, such as the demarcation of autonomous territories or deciding which cases will be tried by Indigenous courts, would have to be interpreted by Congress if the charter is approved.

Many of the rights in the proposed constitution already exist in international accords, such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People from 2007, which was signed by 144 countries in 2007, including Chile. It includes rights to self-determination and nudges governments to obtain the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous groups before implementing laws that might affect them.

The Chilean text would oblige the state to actually receive Indigenous people's consent, and not just try to obtain it

— going further than what is required by international law.

Some rights also exist in other countries with large Indigenous populations. The Maori people of New Zealand, for instance, have had quotas in Parliament since 1867. Bolivia and Ecuador also define themselves as plurinational. By some measures, the United States is at the forefront of Indigenous rights. “Though far from perfect, there is no comparison in the world with the degree of self-governing powers US Indian tribes have,” said Robert Williams Jr., an Indigenous rights expert at the University of Arizona. “Our tribes have their own courts, their own jails, and jurisdiction over their own members.”

Chile's proposed text would be more comprehensive in some ways. “The Canadian Constitution protects aboriginal and treaty rights; the Sami people in Norway, Sweden, and Finland have their own Parliaments; and there are various regions with autonomous jurisdiction in Mexico,” said Claire Charters, a professor of Indigenous law at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. “But the Chilean Constitution brings all of that together into one written constitution — and that is unique.”

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ANTONIA RIVAS, *adviser to first nations representatives*

fined,” said Javier Couso, a constitutional expert at Diego Portales University in Santiago, the capital.

The convention that was elected last year to write Chile's new constitution was heralded as one of the most inclusive political bodies anywhere. It had gender parity and 17 of its 155 seats were reserved for Indigenous representatives. Its first

national, regional, and municipal levels. Indigenous people would have autonomous territories and gain protection over their lands and the natural resources on them. Most controversially, a parallel Indigenous justice system would rule in cases that do not affect fundamental rights or international treaties signed by Chile.

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District asks: Can a teacher move in?

In Calif., parents offer room to rent

By Jonathan Edwards
WASHINGTON POST

Ten teachers quit their jobs at a San Francisco Bay area school district when the academic year ended in June, the superintendent told school board members last month. They didn’t burn out, switch careers, or decide to stay home with their families.

The teachers left because they couldn’t afford to live near their schools — so they moved to places where they could.

Their exodus led school officials in Milpitas, Calif., to ask students’ parents for help: Would they let a teacher move in?

The district sent a message to parents this week, urging them to fill out an online form if “you have a room for rent at your home and would like to share the housing opportunity with our Milpitas Unified School District educators.” The message linked to the form, which asks parents how many rooms they have available and how much they would charge for rent.

Dozens have responded in a few days, Scott Forstner, a district spokesperson, told The Washington Post in an e-mail.

“With 53 responses to our call for Rooms for Rent for [district staff] in such a short time, this is evidence that our entire [team], which includes our teachers and classified support staff, is valued by our Milpitas community members, parents and caregivers,” Superintendent Cheryl Jordan wrote in an e-mail.

It’s a new approach to an ongoing problem in California, especially the Bay Area, where teacher pay hasn’t kept pace with the cost of living, particularly when it comes to housing.

The gap between “those who can afford a home in the San Francisco Bay Area and those who cannot, is widening at an alarming rate,” the Milpitas school board said in a resolution it unanimously approved at its Aug. 23 meeting. Many of the district’s roughly 1,000 employees — about half of them teachers — are “moderate-income employees” who are “finding it increasingly difficult to purchase or rent a home within a 15 mile radius or [closer] to the Milpitas Unified School District.”

The problem has plagued California for years. In 2016, national real estate brokerage Redfin analyzed California’s 31 most-populated counties, including the Bay Area, The Post reported at the time. Redfin determined that teachers earning the state’s average salary could afford 17 percent of homes for sale in those counties. Just four years earlier, 30 percent of homes were considered affordable, which meant a mortgage payment would not exceed about one-third of pay.

Santa Clara County, home to Milpitas and Silicon Valley, topped Redfin’s list of least affordable places for teachers. The number of houses on the market that were affordable: zero.

In 2019, Sarah La Due told EdSource, a news organization focused on covering California education, that’s why she was moving to Las Vegas to teach high school instead of starting her sixth year at a school district in El Cerrito, a city in the east Bay Area about 40 miles northwest of Milpitas. In Vegas, La Due expected to live in a two-bedroom apartment by herself for less than \$1,000 a month instead of spending \$900 to rent a small bedroom in a house she shared with two roommates.

“I’m a 35-year-old professional woman and I shouldn’t have to live with roommates,” La Due said. “Why am I sacrificing so much to live in the Bay?”

Milpitas’s teachers can sympathize. The district did staff surveys in 2017 and 2021, which revealed about half of its employees suffered long commutes and high rents.

The district isn’t leaning entirely on parents to solve its teacher housing problem, Jordan said. Another effort: working with Landed, a group that helps teachers get home loans in high-priced markets.

McCarthy exits White House climate job

Gina McCarthy is planning to leave her post as the White House’s national climate adviser this month, a departure coming not long after President Biden signed into law a major piece of climate legislation.

The long-tenured environmental policy maker for Democratic administrations is capping her career in government nearly two years into Biden’s term, during which his administration issued a slew of regulations reining in greenhouse gas emissions, in addition to passing nearly \$370 billion in clean-energy tax incentives and other programs intended to combat climate change.

Her last day on the job will be Sept. 16.

John Podesta, a veteran Washington insider who spearheaded the Obama administration’s climate strategy, is to oversee the federal investment of \$370 billion in clean energy under a landmark new climate law.

Her exit from the White House comes after she played a key role in coordinating government agencies in a united climate agenda. A Massachusetts native, she has served as Biden’s top domestic climate adviser while John Kerry, a former secretary of state and senator, has acted as Biden’s chief climate envoy internationally.

She previously ran the Natural Resources Defense Council and served as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under President Obama.

WASHINGTON POST

Ex-Trump lawyer Cipollone goes before Jan. 6 grand jury

WASHINGTON — Former Trump White House counsel Pat Cipollone appeared Friday morning in federal court in Washington, where he was expected to appear before a grand jury investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol.

Cipollone became the highest-ranking White House aide known to have appeared before the grand jury in the Justice Department’s criminal investigation of efforts to overturn the 2020 election results, which culminated in the siege of Congress as lawmakers met to confirm President Biden’s 2020 election victory. Cipollone deputy counsel Pat Philbin was expected to appear later Friday.

The two attorneys received federal grand jury subpoenas about four weeks ago for testimony and documents about that day and events leading up to it,



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Pat Cipollone, former White House counsel under President Trump, arrived at the federal courthouse in Washington on Friday.

CNN first reported. Their expected appearance Friday was reported by ABC News.

Cipollone was the top White House lawyer at the end of the Trump administration, and he has emerged in several public accounts as a key witness to and critic of conversations held by the then-president with private lawyers and others in his inner circle who allegedly sought to substitute Trump allies for certified electors from some states Joe Biden won; to pressure the Justice Department to falsely claim the election was rigged, with fraudulent votes cast; or to propose the seizure of voting machines by the US attorney general, secretary of defense, or other federal officials.

In videotaped testimony played at televised hearings this summer held by the House select committee investigating events leading to the Capitol breach, Cipollone told investigators that he vigorously resisted efforts by Trump and outside advisers to undo the election, and that he did not believe there was sufficient fraud to have affected the outcome of Biden’s victory in any state.

Cipollone also has been described as opposing the sending of a letter drafted by attorney Justin Clark to officials in Georgia, falsely declaring that the

Justice Department had “identified significant concerns that may have impacted the outcome of the election in multiple states.”

Cipollone told Trump that Clark’s proposed letter was “a murder-suicide pact” that would “damage everyone who touches it,” according to a deposition by then-Deputy Attorney General Richard Donoghue. In a call on Dec. 27, 2020, witnesses have said, Trump told Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen that he wanted the department to say there was significant election fraud, and said he was poised to oust Rosen and replace him with Clark, who was willing to make that assertion.

WASHINGTON POST

Barr: No ‘legitimate reason’ for Trump to have documents

In his sharpest critique of his former boss, former attorney general William Barr said there is no reason classified documents should have been inside Donald Trump’s personal residence in Florida after he was no longer president.

“No, I can’t think of a legitimate reason why they could be taken out of government, away from the government, if they are classified,” Barr said in an interview with Fox News that aired Friday. Barr’s comment comes

after federal officials entered Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Club and home last month with a court-issued warrant to retrieve classified documents, a move Trump said was improper and politically motivated.

“People say this was unprecipitated,” Barr said Friday, “but it’s also unprecedented for a president to take all this classified information and put them in a country club, OK?”

Barr also dismissed the explanation advanced by Trump and his allies that the former president had declassified entire batches of the documents.

“If in fact he sort of stood over scores of boxes, not really knowing what was in them, and said ‘I hereby declassify everything in here,’ that would be such an abuse and show such recklessness that it’s almost worst than taking the documents,” Barr said.

“What people are missing,” Barr told Fox News, is that documents, regardless of whether they were classified, “still belong to the government and go to the archives.” The other documents that were seized, like news clippings, were, Barr said, “seizable under the warrant because they show the conditions under which the classified information was being held.”

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FBI details items taken from Mar-a-Lago in search

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mixed with everyday items.

Among the items found in one box: 30 news clippings dated from 2008-19; three articles of clothing or “gift items”; one book; 11 government documents marked as confidential; 21 marked as secret; and 255 government documents or photographs with no classification markings.

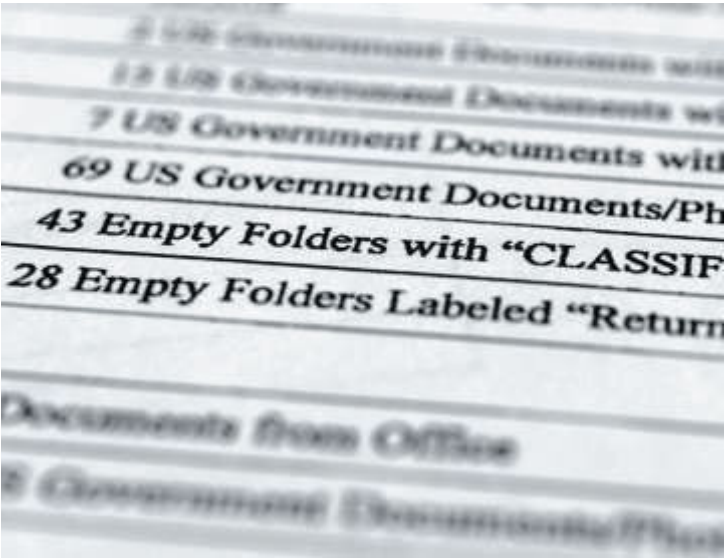
The list suggests the files Trump took to his Florida home were stored in a slapdash manner and appeared to underline concerns that he had not followed rules for protecting national security secrets.

It also offered the clearest indication yet that promises by Trump’s team that all sensitive records had been returned were untrue.

The inventory listed seven batches of materials taken by the FBI from Trump’s personal office at Mar-a-Lago that contained government-owned documents and photographs, some marked with classification levels up to “top secret” and some that were not marked as classified. The list also included batches of government records that had been in 26 boxes or containers in a storage room at the compound.

In all, the list said, the FBI retrieved 18 documents marked as top secret, 54 marked as secret, 31 marked as confidential, and 11,179 government documents or photographs without classification markings.

A federal judge in Florida, Aileen M. Cannon, ordered the inventory list to be released during a hearing Thursday to determine whether to appoint an outside expert known as a special master



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A page from an FBI property list noted items seized from former president Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate and made public by the Department of Justice.

to review the government records for any that could be privileged. Cannon said that she would issue a written decision on the matter “in due course.”

Trump appeared to acknowledge on social media this week that he knew that much of this material was at his estate, complaining about a photograph that the Justice Department released Tuesday night cataloging some of the evidence that had been recovered.

The photograph showed several folders with “top secret” markings and some files with classification markings visible. All the material was arrayed on a carpet near a placard labeled “2A,” presumably to document what was in a box of that number before the FBI removed it from Mar-a-Lago.

A shorter inventory, released earlier, said Box 2A contained materials found in Trump’s per-

sonal office. In a social media post, the former president declared that the folders had been kept in “cartons” rather than “sloppily” left on the floor, suggesting that he had been aware of the presence of the materials.

In May, after extended negotiations between the National Archives and Trump’s lawyers failed to result in the return of any documents from Mar-a-Lago, the Justice Department issued a grand jury subpoena for all materials marked as classified that remained there. In early June, two lawyers for Trump turned over some of the records while telling investigators that no others remained.

The government released a less detailed inventory of the seized items three weeks ago, at the same time it unsealed the warrant used to search Mar-a-Lago. And in a court filing this week, the Justice Department

revealed that the FBI had found 13 boxes or containers with documents marked as classified, amounting to “over 100 unique documents with classification markings” at the estate.

Shortly after the detailed inventory was unsealed, a spokesperson for Trump, Taylor Budowich, denounced the government on Twitter.

“The new ‘detailed’ inventory list only further proves that this unprecedented and unnecessary raid of President Trump’s home was not some surgical, confined search and retrieval that the Biden administration claims, it was a SMASH AND GRAB,” he wrote.

The expanded inventory did not disclose the specific types of classification markings that were on the documents or give any hints about whether they contained information that could reveal confidential human sources or foreign intelligence surveillance abilities.

By contrast, a redacted version of the affidavit for the search warrant application listed specific classification markings that had been found on documents in 15 boxes of government files that the National Archives removed from Mar-a-Lago in January.

The discovery of files in the trove marked as classified led the archives to make a criminal referral to the Justice Department, prompting what initially began as an investigation into how classified documents were taken to Mar-a-Lago.

That inquiry expanded after the Justice Department retrieved additional documents marked as classified from Mar-a-Lago on June 3 in response to a

VA to provide abortion care, counseling services

The Department of Veterans Affairs, in a historic shift, will provide abortion counseling and abortions in cases of rape, incest, or if the pregnancy threatens the health of the pregnant veteran, at its federal health facilities throughout the country, including in states that ban or severely restrict the practice, the department announced Friday.

According to a draft of the rule change, the new policy overhauls health care services provided to 9 million veterans and eligible family members; VA previously did not provide abortions of any kind or offer abortion counseling.

There are 2 million female veterans in the US, according to VA data, and about a quarter of them are enrolled in VA care.

The move comes two months after federal protections provided by the landmark Roe v. Wade decision were overturned. Sherree Elnahal, VA’s undersecretary for health, in a statement said the VA made the change after speaking to veterans and health care providers who “sounded the alarm” that state-level restrictions put into place after Roe was overturned created health risks for veterans and their families.

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In Democratic AG's race, 2 kinds of experience

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gal experience is only further bolstered by political and lived experience: She has consistently pushed for reforms to the criminal justice system after her twin brother died in custody before his 30th birthday.

The back-and-forth has turned testy at times, and illustrates how heated the race has grown with just days to go before the Sept. 6 primary. A third candidate, Quentin Palfrey, upended the race Tuesday when he abruptly ended his campaign and endorsed Campbell, even though 255,000 voters had already cast ballots. Recent polls showed Liss-Riordan and Campbell in a virtual dead heat.

During a recent debate, Liss-Riordan was quick to call herself “the only practicing lawyer in this race.” Her campaign on Tuesday then released a statement criticizing Campbell’s work for the international corporate law firm Proskauer Rose LLP, which Liss-Riordan said has a reputation for union-busting. She demanded Campbell release the names of clients she represented during her two years at the firm.

Campbell called the demand a “desperate” move to “distract voters and residents from the issues they care about the most.” She noted that Liss-Riordan has yet to make public her tax returns after multiple requests from the Campbell campaign, amid critiques that Liss-Riordan pocketed a significant share of legal settlements she won on behalf of workers.

The exchange, according to some legal analysts, is largely political, an end-game appeal to each’s constituency before polls close. Analysts familiar with the role and responsibilities of the attorney general largely agreed that it’s not the years but the quality of experience that is the best determinant of who is equipped to be the people’s lawyer.

“If you’re sitting there as a lawyer for 25 years, say, representing insurance companies and doing nothing else, the fact you did it for 25 years isn’t really going to make you a better attorney general over the person who may have had six or seven years’ experience out in the community doing something more involved,” said James Tierney, a former Maine attorney general and creator of the educational tool StateAG.org.

Tierney has advised hun-

dreds of attorneys general across the country over the past 30 years and said he has seen firsthand the importance of “strong values and good judgment” over specialized legal experience or a lengthy trial career.

“Whether the AG has any of those experiences is less important than that the AG has the judgment to surround himself or herself with people who have a wide variety of legal skills: trial skills, writing skills, appellate skills, and political skills,” he said. “I can tell you a couple AGs who never practiced law a day in their lives. They were just legislators and ended up being attorney general and they were great.”

While Liss-Riordan is widely recognized for challenging corporate giants, including Uber and Starbucks, Campbell’s record as an attorney is lesser known.

Her legal career began in late 2009, when she was offered a full-time job as an associate at Proskauer-Rose after a summer associateship the year prior. She chose to defer the offer, however, to spend a year working as a staff attorney for the EdLaw Project in Massachusetts, an initiative aimed at dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline by providing free legal services to children involved with the justice system. The initiative is jointly supported by the Youth Advocacy Foundation and the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the state’s public defender agency.

In her role, Campbell worked on a team with a social worker and several other attorneys to handle some of the most sensitive cases of so-called student delinquency, often involving children with learning disabilities that were not being properly addressed by the school.

Joshua Dohan, former board president of the Youth Advocacy Foundation, recalled Campbell’s talent at negotiating between the student, the parents, and the school. “Andrea really excelled at helping both parties get to, ‘Yes, let’s understand what the young person needs and let’s get it for them,’” he said. “But if an agreement couldn’t be made, then she knew how to use the law to make sure the child got what they were entitled to.”

Campbell returned to Proskauer after her year at EdLaw and spent 18 months as an employment attorney before leaving the firm in late 2012, when her twin brother, Andre, died of an autoimmune disease



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Both former Boston City Council president Andrea Campbell (above) and Shannon Liss-Riordan (below) have said they have the right experience to be the people’s lawyer.



after awaiting trial for two years in a Massachusetts correctional facility.

“I took time to really ask the hard questions: Why am I here? What am I meant to do with my life?” said Campbell, who has long cited the impact of her brother’s death as a driving force in her transition to public service.

The following January, she joined the Metropolitan Area Planning Council as interim general counsel to fill in for an employee on parental leave, according to the council’s human resources office. But just two months later, she was tapped to serve as deputy legal counsel for then-governor Deval Patrick.

“I recall that she had an impressive background, having worked both in the private and the public sector,” said Kate Cook, who was chief legal counsel for Patrick and hired Campbell in 2013. “She appeared to me to have that kind of legal experience and lived experience that would be a great fit for our team.”

Unsealed court file on Arroyo reports ‘no crime committed’

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royo repeatedly pressured her into giving him oral sex when they were high school classmates — did not occur.

Instead, the documents show that the alleged conduct by Arroyo did not legally constitute rape. At the time, prosecutors generally did not pursue rape charges in cases where the defendant did not use force.

Arroyo’s campaign said the file “confirms what Ricardo Arroyo has been saying all along — he has never sexually assaulted anyone.”

But others, including the alleged victim’s attorney, said the documents Arroyo released fell far short of exonerating him.

“The documents confirm that my client always told the truth and no one doubted that she did,” said the woman’s lawyer, Leonard H. Kesten. “The district attorney had to evaluate whether the office could prove that a crime was committed and in 2005 an assistant district attorney decided that, if there were no threats or violence, a crime was not committed.”

The documents also further undercut Arroyo’s contention that he did not know about the rape allegations until he was informed by Globe journalists last month.

Arroyo is fighting for his political life in the final stretch of the race for Suffolk district attorney, in which voting has already begun and the primary is Sept. 6, after revelations surfaced last week that he was twice investigated — though never charged — for sexual assault as a teenager. He has maintained his innocence.

On Friday, Arroyo released

four pages of redacted files he received from the court. The case file itself is much longer. But two documents that Arroyo did not release directly contradict his claim he was unaware of the allegations at the time, according to copies obtained by the Globe.

They include a handwritten note that reads: “lawyered up,” indicating the defendant had an attorney. The other is a Boston police sexual assault unit case form that lists “defense counsel” as “Jose Vincente.”

Moreover, the Globe previously reported that a police report showed an officer spoke to Arroyo, his mother, and an attorney named Jose Vincenty. Arroyo has denied speaking with police, and said Vincenty only represented him in school-related matters.

In her February 2006 e-mail, prosecutor Burdman wrote that when she told the alleged victim that Arroyo’s alleged conduct did not constitute a crime, the alleged victim told her “it wasn’t consensual.”

Her attorney Kesten also said it was “unfortunate” authorities never investigated whether Arroyo had sent the alleged victim “obscene and threatening emails” on Nov. 2, 2005, the day before she complained to school officials and police.

The woman previously told the Globe she wasn’t sure what happened to end the criminal case. She said she did not pursue the matter because after she complained to officials, she stopped seeing Arroyo in school.

A spokesperson for Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Arroyo’s primary op-

ponent, said Arroyo’s efforts to vindicate himself are contradicted by the file at the DA’s office.

“Nothing in the file questions the validity of the victim’s statements,” the spokesperson, Renee Algarin, said Friday. “The campaign to sabotage this victim’s credibility is shameful.”

Arroyo’s campaign fired back at Hayden, suggesting his allies leaked selective information to the media about the two sexual assault investigations.

“It is clear from these new documents that the person who illegally leaked this issue to the media intentionally left out information that proved these allegations were unfounded in order to falsely attack Ricardo and try to win an election,” the Arroyo campaign said. “More importantly, the leaking of these files harms people’s trust in the confidentiality of their complaints.”

A Superior Court judge Thursday granted Arroyo access to redacted versions of some investigative documents from the 2005 sexual assault allegations.

Calling the circumstances of the case “unprecedented,” Suffolk Superior Judge Debra Squires-Lee ruled that Arroyo “will suffer irreparable harm if he is denied the requested materials to respond to the public allegation.”

She ordered the city of Boston to provide Arroyo with the Boston Police Department’s investigative file of the 2005 case by 2 p.m. Friday. But she ordered certain information to be redacted, including allegations from the accuser featured in the narrative portion of the incident report, an entire follow-up

investigation report, and an entire sexual assault unit case update.

The woman in the 2007 case initially told the Globe she had nothing to do with Arroyo and just wanted to be left alone, but after Arroyo reached out to her directly, she said he had never assaulted her.

But in an interview with the Globe, the woman from the 2005 case said she stands by what she told police, that Arroyo pressured her to perform oral sex several times when the two were high school classmates, and sent her threatening e-mails. She said she never wanted to speak publicly about her alleged assault, but that watching Arroyo deny even knowing about the allegations made her feel that she had to speak.

“It makes me feel sick, sick to my stomach,” she said on Monday. “I see so many people continuing to endorse him without finding out more. As the potential DA, women are not going to feel safe calling his office. Their cases won’t get heard. ... All those people will be afraid to come forward.”

The documents released Friday included an e-mail from ADA Burdman to the detective who was handling the case explaining her decision in February 2006 to close the case. Burdman’s e-mail also said that, when it came to the threats, she did not “have enough info on that as to who the suspect would be.”

The e-mails were sent to the woman anonymously, several months after the alleged coerced oral sex. She told police Arroyo was making threatening phone calls to her and hacking

her e-mails. “watch ur back [expletive] and understand ur mine you WILL NOT make it through this school year,” one of the e-mails said.

Burdman said that even if she did have more information on the threats, those charges would be handled by district court, not superior court where she was assigned.

She wrote that the alleged victim stopped responding to her after Burdman offered to meet with her to explain the decision not to prosecute.

Five months after Burdman sent that e-mail, a new Boston police detective was assigned to review the case, according to the documents released Friday. That detective reviewed the file but did not conduct any further investigation.

It was that detective who marked the case “unfounded.”

Within the police community, there is some divergence over the use of the term “unfounded.”

Thomas Nolan, a retired Boston police lieutenant and college professor, said in a Twitter post that the department’s procedures define unfounded as “investigation revealed that conduct did not occur.”

But Joe Giacalone, a retired New York City police sergeant and adjunct professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said he dislikes the term “unfounded” because it can connote that the incident itself did not happen.

“I think a better word to be used when you can’t prove that something happens, particularly in a sexual assault, the term should be unsubstantiated, meaning there isn’t enough physical evidence . . . to be able

As deputy counsel, Campbell worked on a close-knit team of attorneys who advised the governor on a host of legal matters, from pointing out the potential legal consequences of a new bill to assessing the impact of US Supreme Court rulings on state laws and regulations.

“Andrea brought her legal experience every day, but she also brought her vision and her ability to listen and connect with people,” said Cook, who is now the first assistant for Attorney General Maura Healey.

Liss-Riordan’s legal career took a different path. Years before she made a name for herself as a class-action lawyer, she clerked for a federal court judge in Texas in the late 1990s. Two years later, she joined the firm Pyle, Rome, Lichten & Ehrenberg in Boston, where she got her start in employment law, representing workers. It was during her time there as a partner that she claimed her first legal triumph, a judgment for Massachusetts service workers whose employers were cheating them out of tips. She would claim dozens more, including a multimillion-dollar settlement for Uber and Lyft drivers in a case that challenged the business model of the gig economy.

Liss-Riordan’s reputation recently earned her endorsements from Senator Elizabeth Warren, former Boston acting mayor Kim Janey, and Mayor Michelle Wu, who called the litigator “a people’s champion.”

Campbell has picked up notable endorsements as well, including US Representative Ayanna Pressley. Five of the six still-living Massachusetts attorneys general, including Healey, also endorsed her.

Martha Coakley, who served as attorney general from 2007 to 2015, noted that the office is the only constitutional seat to require that candidates be bar-certified lawyers. But equally important, she said, is a leader who “understands the role government plays in that job, and what it means to be a public service lawyer.”

“The astounding thing about this job is it really requires a set of skills that runs across the board, from management to politics,” Coakley added. “The quality of one’s experience can’t always be measured in years, or by just one thing that you’ve done.”

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to bring charges or establish probable cause,” he said. “We all know sexual assaults are very difficult to even develop probable cause from because it becomes a he said-she said.”

Rosanna Cavallaro, a Suffolk University law professor, said prosecutors today would present to a jury many rape and sexual assault allegations that were deemed “unfounded” in years past.

“So it’s very difficult to know today how or why these accusations from years ago were deemed unfounded, or if a similar determination would be made if the allegations were investigated today,” she said.

The Boston Police Department had previously refused Arroyo’s request for access to the files, citing privacy laws that protect sexual assault victims.

Thursday’s court hearing came just days before primary day. But because of mail-in voting and early in-person voting, tens of thousands of ballots have already been cast in the race even as the controversy continues to unfold. As of mid-Thursday morning, nearly 32,000 people in Suffolk County had voted, of which more than 29,000 were Democratic ballots, according to the Massachusetts secretary of state’s office.

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ENDORSEMENT

For state House: García, Montaña, and Worrell

For voters with choices to make in state House races on Tuesday — congratulations! Across most of Massachusetts, incumbent senators and representatives are running uncontested for reelection, a sad reflection on the lack of vigorous political competition in the Commonwealth. Only a few of the state House races in Boston and its environs feature more than one candidate — and that’s mostly due to retirements or redistricting. For those lucky few voters, the Globe offers these endorsements in Democratic primaries for open House seats:

■ **In the newly drawn 11th Suffolk District**, the Globe editorial board endorses Judith García, a young but accomplished politician seeking to represent the nearly 45,000 residents in the incumbent-free, Hispanic-majority seat that includes Chelsea and one precinct in Everett. The daughter of a single mother from Honduras, García was born and raised in Chelsea and is a product of the city’s public schools.

García was elected to the Chelsea City Council to represent District 5 seven years ago when she was 24 years old. Since then, she has worked alongside her colleagues to pass a wage theft ordinance and, as vice president of the council, led the city through the COVID-19 pandemic spearheading efforts such as the creation of a relief fund for funeral costs for victims.

García said she’d be the first Honduran-American to be elected to the state House. Among her priorities are housing affordability and securing funding for a new youth center. “Seventy percent of the population in Chelsea” rents their home, García said. “I will ensure that we create a seed fund of \$50,000 to help first-time homebuyers afford a down payment.”

Running in the three-way Democratic primary along with García are Roberto Jiménez-Rivera, a first-term member of the Chelsea school committee of Puerto Rican descent who moved to the city in 2019, and Leo

Robinson, the longest serving member of the Chelsea City Council and a Black veteran of the Vietnam War. The winner of Tuesday’s election will face Republican Todd Taylor, also a Chelsea city councilor, in November.

■ **Incumbent state Representative Nika Elugardo** decided to run for state Senate this year, opening up a vacancy in the 15th Suffolk District that includes most of Mission Hill and Jamaica Plain. Four Democrats are

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running to replace her — and they offer voters real differences in their personal backgrounds and agendas if elected.

Environmental lawyer Mary Ann Nelson, the only candidate from the Mission Hill end of the district, points to her legal background and decades of living in the neighborhood, starting in 1985. She wants to focus on protecting elderly residents from property tax increases. “JP presents itself as very progressive, but many older voters of color feel disenfranchised,” she says.

Graduate student Richard Fierro says he represents a more centrist option for voters in a progressive enclave and is hoping to turn his age — Fierro is 23 — into an advantage. “Our Legislature doesn’t have a lot of representation of millennials, Gen Z, and I think it’s time to get some of those voices into our Legislature,” he said. Fierro has worked as a 311 operator for the city, giving him a window into the kind of constituent service work lawmakers do.

Roxanne Longoria, former director of youth homelessness initiatives for the city, will also appear on the ballot.

But the best choice for voters is Samantha Montaña, a former community organizer with the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. and chair of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council, who seems most ready to represent the district on day 1 with an agenda that includes stronger mental health services and supporting affordable housing. Montaña has garnered endorsements from many local leaders, and the Globe is happy to add our name to the list.

■ **Christopher Worrell**, a lifelong Dorchester resident, has the Globe editorial board’s endorsement in the race to replace state Representative Liz Miranda, who is leaving her seat in the Fifth Suffolk District in Dorchester to run for the state Senate.

Worrell says he wants to tangibly improve the lives of people in his district — whether it’s through addressing the rising cost of housing with ambitious legislation that creates new pathways to homeownership, or by ensuring constituents’ streets are always kept clean. “Quality of life has to be better in the Fifth Suffolk,” he told the editorial board in an interview.

“When you walk around your community and you see dead raccoons and people are just stepping over it and they’re thinking, that’s just the way of life — no, that can’t be.”

Worrell has been an engaged member of community organizations and taken on various roles in local government, most recently as an assistant director of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the Boston Planning & Development Agency. He also has experience working in the state House, having served as the director of constituent services in state Senator Nick Collins’s office.

Althea Garrison and Danielson Tavares are also running. But Worrell knows his community well and he has the right ideas about how to fulfill its most urgent needs. Voters would be well-served by choosing him on Sept. 6.

MARCELA GARCÍA



JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

With so many staff shortages, is BPS ready to open next week?

The first day of school, Sept. 8, is around the corner and questions are already being raised about the readiness of the Boston Public Schools. Teacher and staff shortages at schools are widespread and certainly not specific to Boston. The question is, how bad are the shortages at BPS?

It depends on who you ask. The BPS job listings website has more than 650 open positions. A BPS spokesperson said there are currently 203 teacher vacancies and a total of 4,500 teachers across the district. At Wednesday’s School Committee meeting, acting Superintendent Drew Echelson and his team gave an update on back-to-school plans and they struck an optimistic note. “By the first day of school, we will be ready with complete staff hires to ensure every student has a qualified educator in their classroom,” said Linda Chen, senior deputy superintendent of academics.

The hundreds of key vacancies ahead of reopening include 28 safety specialists and more than 100 bus monitors, which are required to ride in buses alongside certain students with disabilities. “We are working to incentivize bus driver and bus monitor positions,” wrote Echelson in a memo to School Committee members. “Please note that several schools are currently carrying the vast majority of teacher vacancies.” But, when asked, BPS wouldn’t disclose which schools. Middle school science teachers comprise many of the vacancies, as well as ESL teachers, according to a BPS spokesperson.

The dynamics of the national teacher shortage are complex and multidimensional, and some factors behind it predate the COVID-19 pandemic, such as a general tendency to focus more on teacher recruitment than on teacher retention, said Devin Morris, the executive director of The Teacher’s Lounge, a Boston-based nonprofit that focuses on diversifying the education workforce across Massachusetts. “I think this is about the moment that we’re in more than it is about BPS or Boston as a city,” said Morris, referring to the widespread labor shortages affecting many industries. Morris said that it was hard for him to say whether BPS is in a state of panic with the current vacancies.

All the same, the vacancies raise important questions for parents, according to the hosts of the Last Night @ School Committee podcast, Jill Shah and Ross Wilson. “What I would have liked to hear the district say ... was, ‘we’re going to make sure that every one of our central office staff or any nonteaching staff who are qualified are going to be in our classrooms, serving as teachers or serving as paraprofessionals,’” said Wilson in the Thursday episode of the podcast. In other words, what is BPS’s plan B?

Among other strategies to get the word out that BPS is hiring, the district is

hosting job fairs and partnering with the higher education community with the assistance of Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development and the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, according to a BPS spokesperson.

Consider what other places are doing to address the teacher shortages. The Framingham Public Schools partnered with Framingham State University to establish a teacher residency program. Florida is hiring military veterans to teach in the classroom. Meanwhile, the White House announced Wednesday a plan to help schools fill vacancies that includes partnering with recruitment firms and funding for pay increases.

This school year, the stakes couldn’t be higher for BPS. Newly released national test scores provide stark evidence of the learning setbacks among US schoolchildren due to the pandemic. The reading scores of 9-year-olds fell by the largest margin in three decades, while their math results fell for the first time in the history of the National Assessment of Educational Progress’ tests, also known as the Nation’s Report Card.

Then there’s the discouraging results of a new survey of Boston parents, released Monday, that show that their confidence in BPS has plummeted: Only 29 percent of BPS parents polled are “very satisfied” with the district, which is down from 41 percent a year ago. Only 40 percent of parents said they’d choose a BPS school for their child if given alternative options, such as a Boston charter school, a private school, or another public system outside the city. The series of polls, which looked at trends over time, was conducted by the MassINC Polling Group and sponsored by The Shah Family Foundation.

The hundreds of job openings this late in the game are yet another data point that shows that the district is at a crossroads. It’s possible that BPS fills all the vacancies in less than a week. But parents, many of whom already lack confidence in the district, are right to wonder: What if it can’t find enough science teachers or bus monitors to ride along with students with disabilities?

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READERS’ FORUM

AG hopeful’s 11th-hour exit is a ringing endorsement of ranked-choice voting

Quentin Palfrey left a gap in a tight race when he dropped out

I love voting in person on the day of the election and seeing the friendly volunteers who recognize me and my family as regular voters. But as I get older, with various health issues, it seems safer to vote early.

What if I vote early and then the candidate drops out? Have I wasted my vote?

If there are only two candidates, and I voted for the one who dropped out, then no problem.

If, however, there are three or more candidates and I vote for the one who drops out, what then? Say I voted for Quentin Palfrey for state attorney general. He just ended his campaign Tuesday. I wouldn’t get to voice a preference for either of the remaining Democratic candidates, Andrea Campbell or Shannon Liss-Riordan. So, what to do? I say change the system to provide ranked-choice voting, at least in the primary. That way, voters might have their second-

place vote count if someone drops out before the actual election.

Otherwise, I may have to go back to voting on the day itself, hoping that I don’t miss it altogether because of a medical reason.

JIM KILGORE
Jamaica Plain

His supporters could have been, and still could be, deciding votes

I am proud and grateful that there were three outstanding candidates in the Democratic primary for the office of attorney general, and I am proud and grateful that Massachusetts has finally made voting by mail and early voting easy and accessible to all.

Before Quentin Palfrey withdrew his candidacy on Aug. 30, polls indicated a tight race, with Andrea Campbell lead-

ing Shannon Liss-Riordan 28 percent to 26 percent, and Palfrey polling at 10 percent. In such a tight race, Palfrey’s supporters could easily be the deciders, but without ranked-choice voting, tallies of those who voted early or by mail for him do not count at all. With ranked-choice voting, however, even if Palfrey remained in the race, voters would have been able to select their preferred candidate rather than feeling compelled to vote for one of the front-runners.

While it is essential that we have a secretary of state who ensures that all votes are counted, it is also essential that all votes be counted equally and that the candidate who most reflects the will of the voters wins.

Readers of the Globe’s letters with good memories may recall that I argued in favor of this system of voting in two previous elections in which a candidate with far less than a majority of votes won. Enough already.

JANE SIEGEL
Boston

Two takes on the contest for secretary of state

Sullivan inspires while Galvin is status quo

The Globe editorial board (“A final term for Bill Galvin,” Aug. 25) misses what some of their news reporting seems to make clear: It’s time for Secretary of State Bill Galvin to retire, and Tanisha Sullivan is exactly the right person to replace him.

As a volunteer on Sullivan’s campaign, I’m inspired by how she assimilates critical issues and develops cogent, proactive, practical plans. The editorial endorsement of Galvin focused on election integrity, which is not in question in Massachusetts, nor would it be under Sullivan’s leadership.

Issues that are in question with Galvin in charge, however, include voter participation; economic opportunity and equity, which, as Sullivan has emphasized, are directly tied to civic engagement; and the commitment of the third most powerful role in our state govern-

ment to reproductive justice.

Massachusetts prides itself on our progressive leadership; however, under Galvin, we don’t have a national voice or presence when it comes to voters’ rights, and we lag behind other states. So, I don’t see how maintaining the status quo does anything for election protection or the climate of election distrust.

As one active Democrat framed it during a recent Zoom meeting, Massachusetts democracy under Galvin is stagnant. Twenty-seven years in office is more than enough.

JACQUELINE A. HART
Dover

A few key details put this voter in the incumbent’s camp

In Mark Shanahan’s article “Bill Galvin: The loner in love with his role” (Page A1, Aug. 28),

two lines about the incumbent secretary of state enhanced my opinion of him: the observation from a friend that Galvin “doesn’t suffer fools” and Shanahan’s point that his “tenure in the Legislature was marked by an uncommon attention to detail” (something the legislators ought to do more of, in my view).

I was rather neutral about this race until I read this article. Go, Galvin.

ELEANOR KOPLOVSKY
Hingham



Incumbent William F. Galvin (left) and Tanisha Sullivan face off in the Democratic race for secretary of state.

Two views of the candidates for state auditor



Democrats Chris Dempsey (left) and Diana DiZoglio are facing off in the race for auditor.

DiZoglio has shown courage in stands she’s taken

In “Potential political surprises ahead in state Democratic primary races” (Opinion, Aug. 26), Scot Lehigh’s suggestion that state Senator Diana DiZoglio’s strong support from unions is anything other than a point of pride demonstrates a lack of concern for working families.

DiZoglio’s courage and independence in the face of political pressure from Beacon Hill’s most powerful politicians are rare. She paid the price to stand up for those without a voice and call out injustices. Advocating for the State House employee union has drawn the wrath of her leadership team, judging by the long list of lawmakers who’ve endorsed her opponent for state auditor. But DiZoglio stood her ground.

Her determination to ban taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements — used to protect the misdeeds of the powerful — demonstrated the independence and transparency voters should demand from their public servants, especially state

auditor. Two Globe reporters described her courage to call out this abuse in 2018, when Robert DeLeo was House speaker, as “a brazen act or public defiance . . . against the Legislature’s most powerful official.”

Isn’t she the brave, independent state auditor we want to ensure that taxpayer money is spent efficiently by exposing waste, fraud, and mismanagement?

RICH ROSA
Haverhill

Dempsey showed his determination in resisting 2024 Olympics bid

My initial meeting with Chris Dempsey was on Joe Kennedy III’s first congressional campaign for the Fourth District, when Dempsey was policy director. We didn’t interact much — I was a field volunteer — but he was always courteous, and it was obvious then that there was something about him. He had a maturity and gravitas beyond his years, with a genial nature and a sense of fun. It was a great campaign.

I next encountered Dempsey on the No Boston Olympics campaign. I agreed with his prescient view that the 2024 Summer Games would be a disaster for the City of Boston. He was dogged, determined, scrappy, did his homework, and followed through no matter the pressure to fold on what he thought was right. He honed his exceptional ability for independent thought with a collaborative approach that included all stakeholders and agencies. And what a bullet we dodged by succeeding with that campaign.

Massachusetts needs an auditor who will bring us into the 21st century. Dempsey will find ways to maximize the impact of the office to meet the goals of our residents in sustainable and equitable ways. Above all, he has shown a commitment to being transparent. We deserve him.

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‘Conservative’ no longer fits GOP. ‘Radical’ or ‘extreme’ is more like it.



Republican gubernatorial candidate Geoff Diehl.

In a recent edition of the Globe, an article about the gubernatorial field referred to “the GOP’s more conservative base” (“Diehl’s strategy: No debates till Healey’s the foe,” Metro, Aug. 18). This is not the first time the Globe has used this terminology in its reporting. The Republican Party might rightfully have been described as “conservative” in the days of Richard Nixon, but there is nothing conservative about the GOP base in these times.

A political party that rallies its supporters by repeating lies (about stolen elections and voter fraud) and condoning and inciting violence against its opponents and the US government is not a conservative party. The GOP base would better be described as radical or extreme. Possibly the Globe staff can find an even better word to use to describe the party’s base. “Conservative” is definitely not it.

Conservatively yours,

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Block Island offers retreat and revelry

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the business during the busy Labor Day weekend. Ballard’s owner, Steven Filippi, fought the decision; the state granted his appeal and restored the licenses with restrictions on Aug. 24, allowing the company to continue to operate with additional security and other measures.

Police and firefighters had been called to Ballard multiple times over the summer, for incidents involving intoxication, underage drinking, disorderly conduct, and noise. But the fights on Aug. 8 were the last straw for many locals.

“You can go by on your average Friday or Saturday and watch people stagger out there. ... It’s not a pretty sight,” John Cotter, who spends his summers on Block Island and lives about half a mile from the venue, said a few days after the brawl. “Block Island isn’t a place to get drunk and throw up.”

Rent a bike and get out of the center of town, though, and there’s tranquility: rolling fields, quiet coves, Great Salt Pond, birds and monarch butterflies making their migratory stops, and small farms set into gentle hills. Block Island is about 3.5 miles at its widest and 7 miles long; real estate listings start in the millions of dollars, yet many families have owned or rented the same homes for decades and, in some cases, generations.

“Conservation is a big part of Block Island,” Cotter said. “Unbridled growth isn’t Block Island’s culture.”

Block Island lies 9 miles off the southern coast of Rhode Island, and is home to about 1,000 year-round residents. Its population swells to more than 12,000 during the summer months as partygoers and tourists fill the ferries for the 55-minute trip from the mainland.

Long before Block Island was a summer and party destination for visitors from New England and New York, it was home to members of the Manisseean Tribe and, later, the Niantic Tribe, which eventually merged with the Narragansett Tribe. Researchers have identified settlements on the island dating to 500 BC and earlier. The Niantic called the island “Manisses,” which means “Little Island of Manitou,” in honor of the spiritual power revered by Algonquian peoples of North America.

European settlers started coming after the island was

sighted in 1524 by explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano, who named it “Claudia” after the wife of King Francis I. But it wasn’t until Dutch Explorer Adrian Block sailed there in 1614 that it became known as “Block Island.” It was incorporated in 1674 as the municipality of New Shoreham and, during the Revolutionary War, was a key lookout point for Colonial soldiers. By the 1770s the population of Native Americans had dwindled from about 1,600 to just 51.

By the 1800s, Block Island had become a tourist destination. The first hotel was built in 1842, and the Spring House Hotel, which still operates today, opened a few years later. The National Hotel, the island’s “flagship Victorian hotel,” was originally built in 1888, but air conditioning was only installed in the guest rooms in 2020.

“Nantucket had enormous wealth from the whaling industry. Block Island had wealth from the tourism industry,” Dionis said. “In the mid-1800s, they marketed the island as a health resort to kind of escape consumption. The breezes kept away malaria, and the sea air and saltwater and spring water on the island were good for recovery of ‘nervous diseases’ and ‘brain exhaustion.’”

Block Island became a rum-running destination during Prohibition, and tourism waned until the first regular ferry service started in the 1940s. A construction boom in the 1970s and 1980s doubled the number of year-round residents to about 1,000, but the numbers are still small: In June, just 10 seniors graduated from the Block Island School, which serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

“It’s an absolutely beautiful place to live. I like that it’s busy in the summer and after you get through the summer months there’s a calmness and peace in the offseason,” said Caroline Barr, executive director of Block Island Conservancy, who spent her summers on Block Island as a kid and moved there full time in May.

Everything slows down after Labor Day, and many popular spots close by October. Few restaurants or bars are open year-round, and there are no chain stores other than Ben & Jerry’s on Water Street.

Living on The Block year-round comes with its own set of bragging rights. The Islanders



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endure harsh New England weather largely isolated from the comforts and conveniences of the mainland. Since the 1960s, they’ve held their own population count on Groundhog Day, and some consider it more accurate than government counts held in better weather. This year, islanders counted 1,027 true residents — 383 fewer than the latest US Census.

“It really is a very neat place with a wonderful population of people that support each other,” said Dorrie Napoleone, who volunteers as the president of the Board of Block Island Conser-

vancy. “There isn’t a lot of extra things to entertain you here. In winter, there’s no theater. It’s people getting together and socializing.”

Businesses here depend on the summer tourism season, and for hospitality workers, many of whom come from other countries on temporary work visas, island life is not as idyllic and living conditions can be dismal.

“Dirt floors, locks that don’t work, and leaking ceilings with a liquid that you don’t know what it is. Any of us who live or spend considerable time on the island have heard it all,” said Eli Holm-

es, a wedding photographer on the island. The workers would never speak out, Holmes said, and employers who allow them to stay in such conditions face “no accountability.”

Change comes slowly to the island. The Block Island Power Co. powered the island using diesel generators until May 2017, when National Grid ran a 23-mile-long underwater cable from the Block Island Windfarm to the shore, tying the island into the mainland power grid along the way. Now, turbines for the wind farm can be seen from the shore, and island leaders are

Drew Stocker and Meagan DesRochers made their way up a path to the North Lighthouse on Block Island. At left, signs decorate the wall of Captain Nick’s Rock-n-Roll Bar, a popular place for live music among locals and day trippers.

working to improve Internet service and boost the area’s one cell-phone tower, Napoleone said.

But what people really want, Napoleone said, is to enjoy the island’s natural beauty. The Conservancy is dedicated to preserving open spaces, like Rodman’s Hollow, which was threatened by development a few decades ago.

“It’s a very beautiful, pristine part of the island,” said Napoleone. “Our goal is to preserve and protect the rural character and nature here on the island, share it with the wildlife. That’s it. That’s what we want to do.”

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Just right jobs report affirms Fed’s plan

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sive interest rates hikes in a bid to restrain the economy and banish the inflation bogeyman.

Things are going according to the Fed’s plan, at least for now,

“The job market is bending under the weight of the Fed’s interest rate hikes, but it’s not breaking,” Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, said in an e-mail.

A bend-not-break scenario is a boon for President Biden, who now has more data to back up his argument that the economy is holding up.

Inflation, as measured by the government’s Consumer Price Index, was unchanged in July compared with the prior month, thanks largely to a decline in oil prices that continued into August. Growth in wages, a major inflationary concern, was steady last month, according to the latest Labor Department data.

But it’s simply too early to say whether the central bank can pull off a “soft landing” — tamping down inflation without causing a recession. The US economy shrank in each of the first two quarters of the year. The global outlook is fraught due to the war in Ukraine and a slowdown in China caused by its “zero COVID” shutdowns of major cities.

And in a speech late last

month, Fed chairman Jerome Powell said that even a soft landing would come with a cost.

“While higher interest rates, slower growth, and softer labor market conditions will bring down inflation, they will also bring some pain to households and businesses,” he said at the annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo. “These are the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation. But a failure to re-

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MARK ZANDI, *chief economist, Moody’s Analytics*

store price stability would mean far greater pain.”

Investors initially saw the Friday jobs release as positive news, pushing stocks up. But the Standard & Poor’s 500 index ended the day down 1.1 percent, hurt by news that Russia would delay reopening an important gas pipeline to Europe. Stocks have fallen for three straight weeks.

The slowdown in hiring in August was in line with forecasts, after July’s surprisingly robust gain pushed total employment back to its pre-COVID level.

While it rose 0.2 percentage

point, the unemployment rate in August was just slightly above a five-decade low of 3.5 percent reached just before pandemic lockdowns began in March 2020.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at KPMG US, said many more people would have to lose their jobs before inflation becomes an afterthought for policy makers and regular folks alike.

“The Fed now believes that

their non inflationary or natural rate of unemployment is between 4% and 5%,” she said on Twitter. “A rise in unemployment to those levels would stabilize but not bring inflation down. Our analysis suggests that unemployment will have to approach 5.5% before inflation cools to a low enough level to be inconsequential to our economic decisions on a daily basis.”

While the Fed won’t back off its aggressive rate hikes since March, the jobs report may give officials some flexibility when it comes to the size and pace of future rate increases.

The Fed’s benchmark interest rate is currently in the range of 2.25 to 2.5 percent.

It was near zero as recently as March.

Some analysts said Friday’s report may prompt the Fed to opt for an increase of one-half percentage point when it announces its next rate move on Sept. 21.

Others think it will stick with a three-quarters-point hike, as it did at its last two meetings.

Either way, it will be more expensive to buy a house or car or to carry a balance on credit cards.

Powell and his colleagues on the rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee will get an important piece of inflation data on Sept. 13, when the August reading of the Consumer Price Index is released.

“The August CPI report . . . will remain key for how the Fed weighs its decision regarding the magnitude of the September hike,” Wilmington Trust economists Luke Tilley and Rhea Thomas wrote in an e-mail.

In the decade of low inflation that followed the financial crisis, the CPI report was not a big deal. These days, it’s virtually all that matters.

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Another shot for NASA with new moon rocket

Engine sensor, fuel leaks fixed

By Marcia Dunn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA aimed for a Saturday launch of its new moon rocket, after fixing fuel leaks and working around a bad engine sensor that foiled the first try.

The inaugural flight of the 322-foot rocket, the most powerful ever built by NASA, was delayed late in the countdown Monday. The Kennedy Space Center clocks started ticking again as managers expressed confidence in their plan and forecasters gave favorable weather odds. Saturday’s two-hour launch window opens at 2:17 p.m. EDT.

Atop the rocket is a crew capsule with three test dummies that will fly around the moon and back over the course of six weeks — NASA’s first such attempt since the Apollo program 50 years ago. NASA administrator Bill Nelson said he’s more confident going into this second launch attempt, given everything engineers learned from the first try. So is astronaut Jessica Meir, who’s on NASA’s short list for one of the initial moon crews.

“We’re all excited for this to go, but the most important thing is that we go when we’re ready and we get it right, because the

next missions will have humans on board. Maybe me, maybe my friends,” Meir said Friday.

The engineers in charge of the Space Launch System rocket insisted Thursday evening that all of the rocket’s main engines were good and that a faulty temperature sensor caused one to appear too warm Monday. The engines need to match the minus-420 degrees Fahrenheit of the liquid hydrogen fuel at liftoff to avoid damage and a shutdown in flight.

“We have convinced ourselves without a shadow of a doubt that we have good-quality liquid hydrogen going through the engines,” said John Honeycutt, the rocket’s program manager.

Once fueling begins Saturday morning, the launch team will perform another engine test, this time earlier in the countdown. Even if that suspect sensor indicates one engine is too warm, other sensors will ensure everything is working, Honeycutt told reporters. NASA could not perform that kind of engine test during dress rehearsals earlier this year because of leaking fuel. The problem cropped up again Monday, as did cracks in the foam insulation of the rocket. If any foam pieces break off at liftoff, they could strike and damage the strap-on boosters. Engineers consider the likelihood of that happening low.

Hearing to probe T oversight failures

By Travis Andersen
GLOBE STAFF

Days after the Federal Transit Administration criticized the state Department of Public Utilities for failing to provide proper oversight of the MBTA, lawmakers said Friday that they plan to hold a hearing in October to determine whether the agency should continue its role as the MBTA's safety regulator.

"Is the DPU motivated enough to fill the safety role for the T?" state Senator Michael J. Barrett and state Representative Jeffrey N. Roy, cochairs of the Joint Legislative Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, asked in

Lawmakers point to federal report critical of Public Utilities' supervision

a letter sent Friday to DPU Chairman Matthew H. Nelson. "The authors of the federal report imply that it isn't."

The lawmakers referred to a scathing report the FTA issued Wednesday about the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, finding that the long-troubled transit system is understaffed, performs too little maintenance, and has weak safeguards. The federal regulators also took the DPU to task for lax supervision.

"DPU has not used its authority to ensure the identification and resolution of safety issues at MBTA," the report said. It "has not demonstrated an ability to address safety issues and concerns identified" by the FTA.

In their letter to Nelson, Barrett and Roy said the FTA found that "DPU 'has not been actively engaged.'"

"The report identifies significant problems of overwork and understaffing at the MBTA," they

wrote. "We want to know whether the safety function at the DPU is suffering from organizational fatigue of its own."

DPU officials could not immediately be reached for comment. In an interview, Barrett said Nelson had accepted the committee's invitation to testify before the panel.

"The DPU has been in the transportation safety business since before the Civil War," Barrett said. "But its gas and electricity responsibilities have grown enormously since then. You need to ask whether transportation, safety, and energy and climate issues should con-

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Experts: COVID-19 won't be as bad this fall

Vaccinations, booster shots, and immunity from prior infections will pad the blow

By Martin Finucane
GLOBE STAFF

COVID-19 will make a comeback this fall and winter, but it's not expected to hit as hard as the devastating surges during the colder months of the last two years, experts said.

In 2020 and 2021, the deadly virus waned during the summer before roaring back in the fall and winter, with national case counts peaking in the early days of the new year.

Barring a new game-changing variant, a wave of new illnesses could be blunted by people's immunity from previous infections and vaccinations. Booster shots updated to protect against the Omicron subvariant will also provide key protection, experts said.

An influential advisory panel of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was discussing the new shots Thursday, after they were approved Wednesday by the US Food and Drug Administration. They could be available within days.

"I expect we will go through another surge in the fall, beginning in the next few weeks as we all come back from vacations and schools open," said Matthew Fox, a professor of epidemiology and global health at the Boston University School of Public Health.

If no new variant arises, "I think we will be able to get through the next wave without it being too bad compared to previous waves in terms of mortality and hospitalizations," he said.

"We have a pretty good wall of protection from prior infections and vaccinations," he said by e-mail, though people's vaccinations will need to be boosted, preferably with the Omicron-targeted shots.

While he predicted that the coming wave would not be "nearly as bad" as past surges, he said it could cause workplace disruptions as people fall ill and that "lots of places will consider bringing back mask mandates, even if just temporarily."

Stephen Kissler, a postdoctoral research fellow in immunology and infectious diseases at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, said, "Like many of the other respiratory viruses we know of, COVID does seem to spread more easily during the winter months. ... It's clear that there is a seasonal effect to the transmission of COVID."

With people spending more time indoors due to the colder weather, coupled with an increase in travel and large gatherings during the holiday season, "I do think it's going to be harder to control COVID this winter," he said.

The fall and winter could continue the familiar pattern of COVID cases spiking after holidays, he said.

As summer ends, Kissler said he had "some amount of apprehension and some amount of hope — apprehension because of the natural dynamics of

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MONARCH MOMENT

Antonietta Calabrese (above), a volunteer at Generous Gardeners, released hundreds of monarch butterflies near the Fishermen's Wives Memorial in Gloucester on Friday.



Some final questions for Campbell, Liss-Riordan

GLOBE STAFF

With the primary just a week away, the attorney general's race was shaken up Tuesday when one of three Democratic candidates, Quentin Palfrey, announced he was dropping out. That left labor attorney Shannon Liss-Riordan and former Boston city councilor Andrea Campbell vying to face Republican James McMahon

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Democratic candidates for attorney general talk experience and goals

in the November election.

The two candidates have sparred over their qualifications for the position, with Campbell stressing her compelling biography and Liss-Riordan emphasizing her extensive background as a workers' rights attorney. We asked the candidates identical questions to compare their experience, priorities, and goals.

Q. How does your experience or background prepare you to be 'the people's lawyer' in Massachusetts?

Andrea Campbell: As an education lawyer representing children for free, general counsel at a regional planning agency, legal counsel to Governor Deval Patrick, and a city councilor, I've dedicated my entire career not only to

fighting for the people of Massachusetts, but to delivering real results — especially on the issues of affordable housing, community policing, and criminal justice reform.

I understand the struggles families are facing because I've lived many of them firsthand. I've always sought to turn my pain into purpose and break cycles not only for myself, but for others, too. As attorney general, I'll use my lived, legal, and legislative ex-

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Roundtable held on abortion care and Black maternal health

By Stephanie Ebbert
GLOBE STAFF

US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and Representative Ayanna Pressley joined maternal health specialists at Codman Square Health Center on Friday to assess the fallout from the Supreme Court's abortion ruling and its impact on maternal health in Massachusetts.

Pressley, a Boston Democrat who chairs a congressional abortion rights and access task force, had urged President Biden to declare a public health emergency in June, saying the Supreme Court's decision would exacerbate already alarming rates of maternal morbidity among Black women.

Women in the United States are more likely to die from childbirth or pregnancy-related causes than those in other developed countries, with Black women disproportionately affected. The Black maternal mortality rate was 2.9 times the rate for white people in 2020, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One study estimated that a nationwide abortion ban would increase maternal deaths by 21 percent and Black



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Representative Ayanna Pressley and US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra appeared at Codman Square Health Center on Friday.

deaths alone by 33 percent.

Since the abortion ruling went into effect, stories have emerged of women suffering pregnancy complications and rushing out of state for emergency abortions that can no longer legally be performed within their home states.

Obstetrician-gynecologists told the panel they have been seeing the effects of other states' new abortion bans for months.

"At Boston Medical Center, we can always track the way these laws are rolled out and when the trigger laws go into effect, by where the calls are coming from," said Dr. Teju Adegoke, an obstetrician-gynecologist. It began with Texas, she said, after the Supreme Court allowed that state's abortion restrictions to go into effect, and proceeded through other Southern states whose abortion bans were triggered by the high court's ruling overturning Roe v. Wade in June. What's also clear, she said: The patients who make the journey are people of means.

Becerra said his wife, a Harvard-trained high-risk obstetrician-gynecologist, has said she has long worried that "the richest country in the world, with the most ad-

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PHOTOS FROM SURETTE MEDIA GROUP AND DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE

This 16-bedroom, 120,000-square-foot mansion in Leverett, with gourmet kitchen, below, was built by Michael J. Kittredge II.

For sale: \$23m property ‘inspired by Disney’

Compound was home to founder of Yankee Candle

By Bailey Allen
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A “Disneyland-inspired” property featuring 120,000 square feet of living space across eight structures, complete with a bowling alley, golf course, arcade, and four tennis courts, is for sale in Leverett.

And that’s not all. The sprawling estate, which was built and owned by the late Michael J. Kittredge II, the founder of Yankee Candle, also has an indoor water park, two climate-controlled car barns with space for 60 classic cars, and a 4,000-square-foot stage that’s welcomed groups such as Hall & Oates and KC and The Sunshine Band. As the listing site says, “The analogy to a country club cannot be denied.”

Get a whiff of the price tag: \$23 million. That’s a lot of scented candles.

Johnny Hatem Jr., a real estate agent with Douglas Elliman, said the 60-acre property at 113 Juggler Meadow Road just hit the market.

“It was inspired by Disney. It’s not just a saying,” Hatem said. “When you walk down the path next to the koi pond, and to the spa and back to the main house, the roads are curved. Everything was designed to make it



feel like you’re in a separate world.”

Kittredge’s son, Michael “Mick” Kittredge III, is selling the property because he lives there alone and considers it to be “too much for one person,” Hatem said. Before Kittredge died in 2019, there were always a lot of people on the property because Kittredge was a “hosting machine,” Hatem quipped.

Kittredge bought the original property — a three-bedroom, two-bathroom Colonial-style home — in 1984 for \$144,000. He then transformed it into an estate with 16 bedrooms and 13 bathrooms, according to Douglas Elliman.

“It takes a person like Mick’s dad — who was a visionary — to do something like this,” Hatem said.

Kittredge, a South Hadley native, started Yankee Candle after

realizing he could make some extra money by melting wax to create candles. He first experimented with the process in 1969, at the age of 16, when he made a candle as a gift for his mother, according to Yankee Candle’s website.

In 1998, he sold the company to an investment firm for a reported \$400 million as the business was picking up speed, and today more than 200 million candles are churned out per year.

In addition to its other amenities, the estate has a spa with massage and treatment rooms, a fitness center, a sauna and steam room, and men’s and women’s locker rooms. There’s also a gym with a basketball court and a billiards and game room.

The arcade is two stories high and contains an array of pinball and slot machines, as well as

Skee-Ball. After competing with friends in the arcade, prospective buyers can take a dip at the indoor water park, which was inspired by the Bellagio in Las Vegas, Douglas Elliman said.

The 25,000-square-foot main residence, meanwhile, features a commercial-grade kitchen with stainless steel appliances, in addition to two wine cellars, two dining rooms, and a movie theater with 10 seats.

There are also two other private homes on the property that can be used for guests or staff, with three bedrooms and four bedrooms, respectively, according to Douglas Elliman. There are two clay tennis courts, one grass court, and an outdoor pool and deck.

“The buyer pool is large just because there’s a lot of land, so besides a family or an ultra-high net worth person who wants a trophy property, it could be bought up by one of the universities nearby or a corporate business that likes doing retreats for their employees,” Hatem said.

Since word spread about the property this week — including being featured by the Twitter account @ZillowGoneWild — Hatem said his phone hasn’t stopped ringing.

Guess \$23 million doesn’t go as far in Western Massachusetts as it used to.

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Acton officers accused of inappropriate conduct resign

By Bailey Allen
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Two Acton police officers who were placed on paid leave in March over allegations of inappropriate conduct have resigned after disciplinary hearings, the police department said Friday.

Officers Tyler Russell and Michael Eracleo were placed on leave after a former student at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School accused them of

“past inappropriate conduct” in separate incidents while they were school resource officers, the department said in a statement.

The Middlesex district attorney’s office and Acton police conducted an investigation that led to disciplinary action that was unrelated to the student’s claims, police said. Eracleo, who had worked for the department since 2005, was found to have violated several department poli-

cies and was also investigated for claims related to the financial exploitation of an Acton resident, police said.

Investigators also found that Russell, who was hired in 2016, had “explicit material” on his town-issued mobile phone, which was unrelated to the original allegations, police said.

Eracleo resigned Aug. 29 after a hearing in which officials recommended he be fired, police said. Russell resigned in August

before his disciplinary hearing took place.

“The results of a diligent and multifaceted investigation found that two members of the Acton Police Department betrayed the trust and faith of the public they were sworn to protect,” Chief Richard Burrows said.

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This day in history

Today is Saturday, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 2022. There are 119 days left in the year.
►Birthdays: Actor Pauline Collins is 82. Rock singer-musician Al Jardine is 80. Actor Valerie Perrine is 79. Rock musician Donald Brewer (Grand Funk Railroad) is 74. Actor Steve Schirripa is 65. Actor Holt McCallany is 58. Actor Ashley Jones is 46. Actor Joel Johnstone is 44. Bluegrass musician Darren Nicholson (Balsam Range) is 39. Actor Garrett Hedlund is 38. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Shaun White is 36.
►In 1783, representatives of the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War.
►In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate forces invaded the border state of Kentucky, which had declared its neutrality in the conflict.
►In 1939, Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of

Poland; in a radio address, Britain’s King George VI said, “With God’s help, we shall prevail.” The same day, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner SS Athenia some 250 miles off the Irish coast, killing more than 100 out of the 1,400 or so people on board.
►In 1943, Allied forces invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italian officials signed a secret armistice with the Allies.
►In 1970, legendary football coach Vince Lombardi, 57, died in Washington, D.C.
►In 1976, America’s Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the red planet’s surface.
►In 1999, a French judge closed a two-year inquiry into the car crash that killed Princess Diana, dismissing all charges against nine photographers and a press motorcyclist, and concluding the accident was caused by an inebriated driver.
►In 2003, Paul Hill, a former

minister who said he murdered an abortion doctor and his escort to save the lives of unborn babies, was executed in Florida by injection, becoming the first person put to death in the United States for anti-abortion violence.
►In 2005, President George W. Bush ordered more than 7,000 active duty forces to the Gulf Coast as his administration intensified efforts to rescue Katrina survivors and send aid to the hurricane-ravaged region in the face of criticism it did not act quickly enough.
►In 2009, a private funeral service was held in Glendale, Calif., for pop superstar Michael Jackson, whose body was entombed in a mausoleum more than two months after his death.
►In 2010, Defense Secretary Robert Gates toured US bases and war zones in Afghanistan, saying he saw and heard evidence that the American counterinsurgency strategy was taking hold in critical Kandahar province.

►In 2012, Sun Myung Moon, 92, a self-proclaimed messiah who founded the Unification Church, died in Gapeyeong, South Korea. President Obama consoled victims of Hurricane Isaac along the Gulf Coast and stoked the enthusiasm of union voters in the industrial heartland, blending a hard political sell with a softer show of sympathy on the eve of the Democratic National Convention. Prolific character actor Michael Clarke Duncan, 54, died in Los Angeles.
►In 2017, North Korea carried out its sixth and strongest nuclear test, detonating what it said was a hydrogen bomb. Walter Becker, cofounder of the 1970s rock group Steely Dan, died at the age of 67.
►In 2019, Walmart said it would stop selling ammunition for handguns and short-barrel rifles, and the store chain requested that customers not openly carry firearms in its stores; the announcement followed a shooting at a Walmart store in Texas that left 22 people dead.

New England in brief

BOSTON

Hyde Park man charged with murder

A 54-year-old Hyde Park man was arraigned Friday on a murder charge in the death of a man who was run over near Jackson Square early Thursday morning, officials said. Maximo Mazanett was arraigned in the Roxbury division of Boston Municipal Court, where a not-guilty plea was entered in connection with the death of Thomas Ruffen, 39, the Suffolk district attorney’s office said in a statement. Mazanett’s attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment late Friday afternoon. Security video captured Ruffen walking from this home in Jackson Square toward Columbus Avenue about 4:30 a.m. Thursday, prosecutors said. Ruffen had difficulty walking and fell several times, eventually lying down in the street near an intersection, according to the statement. A bus driver saw Ruffen lying in the street’s right lane and stopped instead in the center lane, but then a 2011 Ford Explorer driven by Mazanett stopped immediately in front of Ruffen’s body, prosecutors said. Witnesses told Mazanett that there was a person on the ground in front of his SUV, and Mazanett allegedly backed up several feet, waited for a green light, and then drove over Ruffen’s body, according to prosecutors. Mazanett’s bail was set at \$250,000 and he was ordered to surrender his passport, not to drive, and to have no contact with any witness while the case is pending, the DA’s office said. He is due back in court Sept. 14.

LEE

Presumed remains of teacher found

The presumed remains of a New York high school teacher who was reported missing in March were found in a wooded area in Lee, State Police said. On Thursday evening, a passerby found partial human remains near Fox Drive, bringing police and investigative crews to the scene. Authorities subsequently found additional remains and collected evidence indicating they belong to Meghan Marohn, a 42-year-old teacher at Shaker High School in Latham, N.Y. The remains have been taken to the office of the chief medical examiner to be identified while investigators continue to search the area, police said. Marohn was reported missing by her family on March 29, State Police said. Peter Naple, Marohn’s brother, said she went missing two days earlier while on a hike near Longcope Park, according to a statement he made on GoFundMe. Marohn’s car was found unattended at Longcope Park the day she was reported missing. Police in Massachusetts and Bethlehem, N.Y., are investigating the circumstances of her disappearance, police said.

HYANNIS

Children in home during murder-suicide

Two children, ages 7 and 11, were inside a Hyannis home early Friday when their father killed their mother with a knife and then took his own life, according to Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O’Keefe and Barnstable police. Shortly before 3 a.m., Barnstable police received a 911 call “reporting an assault inside the home” at 66 Murray Way, authorities said. According to police transmissions recorded by Broadcastify.com, the 11-year-old made the emergency call for help. Inside the home, police found the bodies of Aline De Lima Ferreira De Castro, 38, and her husband, Luiz Castro Jr., 44, authorities said. “The evidence suggests that Luis Castro Jr. killed his wife, Aline, with a knife and then hung himself,” prosecutors said. The children were removed from the home and are in the custody of the state Department of Children and Families, prosecutors said.

MIDDLETON, CONN.

Man shot by trooper’s stun gun later dies

Connecticut State Police are investigating a man’s death four days after a state trooper shot him with a stun gun, authorities said Friday. Ryan Marzi, 38, of Hebron, died unexpectedly in his sleep on Aug. 28, according to an obituary prepared by his family. A memorial service was scheduled for Friday afternoon. On the night of Aug. 24, State Police said they responded to a reported domestic assault at a home in Canterbury. The victim told troopers that Marzi prevented the victim from leaving the home and damaged the victim’s cellphone. A second trooper who arrived at the scene saw the first trooper lying injured on the ground after an apparent struggle, State Police said. One of the troopers then shot Marzi with a stun gun when he did not comply with verbal commands and advanced toward the troopers, State Police said. Marzi was taken to a hospital for an evaluation and discharged into the custody of State Police, who charged him with assault, disorderly conduct, interfering with an officer, and interfering with a 911 call.

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Lottery

FRIDAY MIDDAY	6-2-0-3	LUCKY FOR LIFE
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)		Sept. 1
<u>EXACT ORDER</u>		1-10-24-26-30
All 4 digits	\$5,387	Lucky Ball 9
First or last 3	\$754	<i>Jackpot: \$1,000 a day</i>
Any 2 digits	\$65	MASS CASH
Any 1 digit	\$6	Sept. 2
<u>ANY ORDER</u>		1-7-23-30-31
All 4 digits	\$224	<i>Jackpot: \$100,000</i>
First 3	\$126	MEGA MILLIONS
Last 3	\$126	Sept. 2
FRIDAY NIGHT	0-5-2-4	37-40-52-60-67
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)		Megaball 20, Megaplier 1
<u>EXACT ORDER</u>		<i>Jackpot: \$169,000,000</i>
All 4 digits	\$4,745	PREVIOUS DRAWINGS
First or last 3	\$664	
Any 2 digits	\$57	
Any 1 digit	\$6	
<u>ANY ORDER</u>		
All 4 digits	\$198	
First 3	\$111	
Last 3	\$111	

FRIDAY NIGHT	AROUND NEW ENGLAND
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)	Maine, N.H., Vermont
<u>EXACT ORDER</u>	Day: 3-digit 140 4-digit 3490
All 4 digits	Eve: 3-digit 442 4-digit 8700
First or last 3	Rhode Island
Any 2 digits	7469
Any 1 digit	



US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra spoke Friday at a roundtable at the Codman Square Health Center in Boston.

Roundtable held on abortion care, Black maternal health

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vanced health care system, is letting people die at birth, shortly after birth, and even sometimes ... before birth.”

“It is unnecessary,” Becerra said.

Though Biden did not issue a public health emergency, his administration began taking more aggressive steps at the federal level to continue abortion access, which Becerra touted on Friday.

Becerra and the administrator of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently invited states to seek Medicaid funding to increase abortion access for women traveling from states that have begun restricting the procedure. The US Justice Department has also advised medical providers of their obligation to perform abortions if necessary to stabilize a patient under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act and successfully sued the state of Idaho over

its abortion ban, which did not allow for abortion to stabilize a patient’s health. The Justice Department lost a similar court challenge in Texas, however, when a federal judge ruled that HHS went too far in asserting the law guarantees abortion care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs also announced on Friday that it would begin providing abortions in cases of rape, incest, or if the pregnancy threatens the health of a pregnant veteran at federal health facilities, even in states that have banned abortion. In a press release, Veterans Affairs secretary Denis McDonough cast the rule change as a “patient safety decision.” “Pregnant Veterans and VA beneficiaries deserve to have access to world-class reproductive care when they need it most,” he said.

Pressley was a lead sponsor of the Women’s Health Protection Act, a federal measure that passed the House last fall and

would have nullified codified abortion rights into federal law, but failed in the Senate in May.

Since then, special elections, voter registration, and an upset win for abortion rights on a voter referendum in Kansas have convinced political watchers that abortion is energizing voters and could lift Democrats’ chances in the midterms.

Pressley said voters are responding to an “intersection of legislated harm” — with anti-LGBTQ laws and voter suppression in states where abortion restrictions were triggered by the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

“I believe people are seeing the intersectionality and the coordinated efforts that are taking place in states throughout the country and I think Kansas is a positive indicator and bellwether,” she said.

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State’s first deputy comptroller named new inspector general

By **Jeremy C. Fox**
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Jeffrey Shapiro, the state’s first deputy comptroller, has been appointed to serve as the Massachusetts inspector general, officials said Friday.

Shapiro is a lawyer who previously worked in the Middlesex district attorney’s office and the state attorney general’s office; he replaces Glenn Cunha, who served two five-year terms as inspector general from 2012 to 2022, according to a statement from the office of Governor Charlie Baker, who made the appointment in cooperation with Attorney General Maura Healey and Auditor Suzanne Bump.

The Office of the Inspector General functions as an independent agency and is charged with promoting efficiency and transparency in government and with identifying and preventing fraud, waste, and the misuse of public funds and property, officials said.

Bump said in the statement that Shapiro had “proven himself to be a solid leader with deep experience in financial governance.”

Healey said her office works closely with the inspector general’s office, “and I look forward to collaborating with Inspector General Shapiro and the hard-working staff of his office in the future.”

Baker said Shapiro “brings a wide range of experience in legal matters, financial management and government accountability that will serve him well as Inspector General.”

“He has spent his career dedicated to public service, and his experience will be a strong asset to the Commonwealth as he takes on this new role,” Baker said in the statement.

Shapiro has been first deputy comptroller since March 2017, across the tenures of three comptrollers, and served as acting comptroller from October to December 2017, officials said. He has led efforts to protect state

financial and payroll systems, mitigate cybersecurity risks, protect personal information, and provide direction to state agencies, according to the statement.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, he developed processes to expedite the disbursement of funds to support the purchasing of personal protective equipment and led the Office’s statewide effort to track federal pandemic-related funds,” the statement said.

Previously, Shapiro was chief operating officer in the Middlesex district attorney’s office for more than two years, managing the operations of one of the largest DA’s offices in the country, of-

ficials said.

Before that, he had worked in other positions in the comptroller’s office and the Middlesex DA’s office, and from 1998 to 2007 he worked in the state attorney general’s office in several leadership positions, including chief of staff, according to the statement.

Shapiro obtained his bachelor’s degree from Brandeis University in 1989 and his law degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1997. He lives with his family in Needham.

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Campbell, Liss-Riordan talk experience and goals

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perience to build on the legacy of Maura Healey, who has endorsed me in this race, always be accountable to the people, and protect everyone in Massachusetts.

Shannon Liss-Riordan: I've been a practicing lawyer for more than two decades and am widely recognized as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' lawyers. I am the only currently practicing lawyer in this race and the only one to have run a law firm. I've taken on some of the largest corporations in America — companies like FedEx, Starbucks, Uber, Amazon, IBM, and my alma mater Harvard University — and won.

I've represented everyone from waitresses, janitors, firefighters, construction workers, strippers, and gig economy workers and have recovered more than half a billion dollars in stolen wages. I've won seven landmark victories in front of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. I've represented hundreds of thousands of people in court, and in doing so, I've shaped new legal ground in Massachusetts and across the country and, in the process, have changed entire industries.

Everyday people of Massachusetts deserve a seasoned experienced lawyer who is not afraid to stand up against corporate and special interests. We need an attorney general who knows how to use the legal system to improve the lives of working people, and we need an attorney general who will win in court for the people of Massachusetts.



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Andrea Campbell (left) and Shannon Liss-Riordan are vying to face Republican James McMahon in the November election.

Q. The attorney general oversees an array of enforcement duties, including protecting consumers; combating fraud and corruption; investigating and prosecuting crime; and protecting the environment, workers, and civil rights. What would be your highest priority?

Andrea Campbell: The attorney general has a critical role to play in enforcing our laws equitably. While I would of course focus on issues of consumer protection and public corruption, I believe we can do more to fight back on the Supreme Court's undermining of our civil and reproductive rights. I'm

proud to have the endorsement of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund and would work in partnership with them and others to think creatively about how we can continue to lead the way in reproductive care.

For example, I've pledged to create a new, cross-bureau reproductive justice unit, including the office's civil rights division, health care division, criminal bureau, and government bureau to protect abortion patients and providers, preserve abortion funds from out-of-state consequences, enforce data privacy laws, develop new ways to hold crisis pregnancy centers accountable, and de-

fend our laws from legal challenges that may originate in and out of state. As attorney general, I would continue to prioritize the fight to protect the civil and reproductive rights of everyone in Massachusetts.

Shannon Liss-Riordan: Protecting our civil and human rights and fighting climate change are among my top priorities as attorney general. We have strong laws on the books in Massachusetts — but laws do not enforce themselves. The Supreme Court has stripped away many of our rights at the federal level — people's right to abortion, gun safety, and environ-

mental protections — threats to marriage equality and voting rights are next. I've spent more than 20 years getting around bad Supreme Court decisions, and the coming years are sure to present a lot more of them.

We are in a climate emergency, and it's not enough to expect individuals to tackle climate change alone. We must protect communities impacted most by climate change — low-income families, people of color, immigrants, and our youth. As attorney general, I will hold corporate polluters accountable and enforce Massachusetts' ambitious climate goals. For both of these priorities, I will be a leader among our nation's attorneys general, coordinating and collaborating to deliver results for the people of Massachusetts.

Q. The outgoing attorney general's tenure was marked by frequent challenges to the Trump administration in court and efforts to combat the opioid crisis. In what specific areas do you plan to make your mark on the office?

Andrea Campbell: I believe every attorney general builds on the legacy of those who came before them. I'm proud to have the support of Attorney General Maura Healey, and former attorneys general, Frank Bellotti, Martha Coakley, Scott Harshbarger, and Jim Shannon. As I continue to crisscross this state, I see incredible opportunities for how the attorney general's office can knit our communities together — especially our communities of color with our poor or rural commu-

nities.

This office has all the resources to meet this historic moment and be intersectional in affording residents greater opportunities regardless of their demographic or where they live. As attorney general, I will expand the reach of the office to be more accessible and better serve residents all across Massachusetts, protect our civil and reproductive rights, hold corporations that pollute our environment and price-gougers accountable, tackle racial, disability and geographic disparities, and move the needle on prison and criminal legal reform.

Shannon Liss-Riordan: I plan on making my mark in the office by ensuring that working people — everyday people — are getting every penny that they are owed by their employers and that they get it back right away. When companies are being investigated for wage theft, these investigations can take a long time, and families cannot wait weeks or months to make ends meet. As attorney general, I want to set up a fund so that people can have access to their stolen wages right away while the attorney general's office goes after the bad actors to collect penalties.

Similarly, I want to establish a Green Bank that would recover penalties from big polluters to fund clean energy and environmental justice projects throughout Massachusetts. That's what the attorney general's office is about — taking on industries and improving lives, for today and tomorrow.

Lawmakers want answers from DPU about T oversight

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tinue to coexist” under one agency.

The lawmakers noted that the FTA report is “pointed” in its assessment of DPU's performance in overseeing the MBTA and calls on the agency to ensure “its organizational and legal independence” from the transit system.

“It calls out a specific problem: the ‘shared agency reporting relationships to the Governor,’ and the Governor's leverage over the leadership of both organizations. We don't worry about explicit interference. We worry instead about a ‘don't make matters worse’ mentality.”

Perhaps “the safety operation, wherever it's situated, should not be on the same team the T is on,” the lawmakers wrote. “We would like to hear about this issue from you and from T officials.”

In a statement earlier this week in response to the FTA report, DPU spokesperson Troy Wall said the agency will add more staff, including a new position of director of rail transit safety, and increase safety audits.

But the lawmakers said the DPU may be overwhelmed by the scope of its responsibilities.

“We wonder whether the state agency that must tackle the increasingly urgent questions of

natural gas and electric power in a time of climate crisis should also handle inspections of household moving companies and towing companies,” the lawmakers wrote in their letter. “The damage from stretching the DPU too thin could cut in both directions. Either the safety mission could suffer due to the ever-growing concern about climate problems, or the climate mission could suffer due to the fire-drill nature of safety problems.”

In response to the FTA report, Governor Charlie Baker said he will ask the Legislature for \$200 million to help the MBTA address the findings and \$10 million for a training academy to help with hiring.

“The DPU has also taken a number of steps to address the FTA's findings, and our administration will ensure they have all the resources necessary to strengthen their oversight of the MBTA,” Baker said earlier this week.

Meanwhile, MBTA officials announced plans in the coming years to add a fleet of Green Line “supercars” that are 40 feet longer than the line's current trolleys. The agency's board of directors this week awarded a contract of more than \$810 million to CAF USA Inc., to deliver more than 100 supercar trolleys for the Green Line, MBTA officials said.

“This is an incredible mo-



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Crews worked at Assembly station on Friday to replace the wooden ties across the Dana Bridge (seen in the background).

ment that marks an inflection point for the MBTA's Green Line riders as we continue to work to transform the entire line,” MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said in a statement. “Not only will the Type 10 supercars provide more capacity and a roomier ride for what is the nation's busiest light rail line, but they also include the latest safety technology, updated accessibility improvements, and other upgrades that improve the rider experience.”

The design phase will begin this fall and the MBTA plans to receive the first cars in spring 2026, he said.

At a news briefing, Poftak said the supercars represent the start of “an entirely new phase” for the Green Line.

“These new cars represent really a step change in terms of technology,” Poftak said. “They're the newest types of cars. They have a significant upgrade in accessibility. We'll be using this contract to replace all

of the existing Type 7 and 8 cars, some of which date back to 1986 and 1987.”

Poftak also updated reporters on the status of the Orange Line, which was shut down last month so crews could make long-overdue repairs. Recently completed projects included crossover improvements at Ruggles station, rail welding at Forest Hills station, canopy work at Sullivan Square station, and security enhancements at North Station, he said. The MBTA is in-

stalling and testing new signals at the Oak Grove and Malden Center stops, among many other projects.

All told, about half of the planned construction work has been completed, he said.

“I think we'll reopen [Orange Line] service on Sept. 19 as we projected,” Poftak said.

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Barring new variants, COVID this fall should be manageable

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COVID in winter and fall, and hope that the [updated] vaccine will be a better match to the circulating strains and will help us avoid the worst impacts.”

The consensus among experts is that the country will see a surge of hospitalizations of some magnitude, but it's “unlikely to be as big as some of the surges we saw earlier in the pandemic,” he said.

The coming months “could be difficult, should be manageable, and will be much more manageable if we get more vaccinated,” Kissler said.

Justin Lessler, a professor of epidemiology at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, said factors that could affect the pandemic's trajectory in the coming months include the possible rise of a new variant; how well the updated boosters work; whether people actually get the new shots; and whether people will take precautions such as wearing masks and avoiding indoor dining and crowded gatherings.

“There's a lot of uncertainty, but without a new variant, we're almost definitely not going to see anything like Omi-

cron-level surges in the fall,” he said.

Andrew Lover, an assistant professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, sounded a more pessimistic note, emphasizing the threat posed by a new variant.

“I think as much as we all wish the pandemic was behind us, there's a good chance that's not the case. I think we could definitely be looking at some headwinds in the next four to five months,” he said. “I think it's important for everyone to realize we're still in a mess.”

With COVID-19 continuing

to circulate across the world, there are myriad opportunities for the virus to mutate and become more dangerous, he said.

“The big challenge I see is that globally there is massive viral circulation almost everywhere. That is just rolling the dice to find fitter and fitter viruses,” he said. “New variants are definitely going to throw a spanner in the works. It's unrealistic to expect we won't see new variants.”

The good news there is no variant on the radar that is raising alarms. The Omicron sub-variant BA.2.75 is being monitored, but Lessler said “it seems to be a minor step.”

“Thus far in the United States it doesn't appear to be really changing the game,” he said.

Kissler said that if a new variant emerges, it might boost the number of cases but not hospitalizations and deaths. “A new variant taking over is not necessarily bad news,” he said. It's also unlikely that a new variant will evade the immunity built up in the population. While the virus has morphed over time, “one thing the virus hasn't done yet is throw us a new variant that takes us completely back to square one,” he said.

So what do the experts ad-

vised as fall approaches and children head back to school?

“Getting vaccinated is the most important thing we can do,” Kissler said.

“I think a lot hinges on the vaccines and I really strongly encourage people to get the booster,” Lessler said. “Blunting the impact of any fall wave is really contingent on people updating their vaccinations, just like for flu.”

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Ferry owners add security measures ahead of weekend

Block Island prepares for holiday crowds

By Alexa Gagosz and Carlos Muñoz

GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — Ahead of Labor Day weekend, the Interstate Navigation Company — which owns and operates the Block Island Ferry — said they are prepared for crowds and have hired additional security.

“In light of isolated incidents aboard the Block Island Ferry this summer, we have reviewed our current security procedures and available resources,” said Interstate’s head of security William McCombe on Friday. “We are continuing to work closely with the local and [Rhode Island] State Police, US Coast Guard as well as a private security company to assure the safety of our passengers.”

The news comes just weeks after brawls broke out at Ballard’s Beach Resort on Block Island on Aug. 8. The chaos spilled over onto the dock and the ferry itself, leading to fights and several arrests, after intoxicated patrons left the resort.

McCombe is Block Island’s emergency management agency director, who previously served as the chief of New Shoreham Police from 1992 until June 2004, and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico in 1994. He told the Globe Friday that he believed the incidents in August were “isolated” and wants passengers to be confident that their safety is a priority on the Interstate’s ferries.

Interstate has recently faced criticisms from Ballard’s owner Steve Filippi and his attorney Brian LaPlante, who both insist that what happened beyond the resort’s property in August was not their responsibility, but that



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Visitors departed the ferry on Block Island this week.

of the ferry company’s.

After a show-cause hearing on Aug. 22, the Town of New Shoreham’s Board of License Commissioners — made up of members of the town council — voted unanimously to suspend Ballard’s liquor and entertainment licenses for two weeks in response to the brawls that broke out during the Aug. 8 music festival and on the Block Island Ferry later that night. Ballard’s appealed with the state Department of Business Regulation and the state Supreme Court, and had both licenses restored.

In an emergency motion to stay, LaPlante, of LaPlante Sowa Goldman in Cranston, claimed that Ballard’s is not responsible for altercations that happen in line at the ferry dock, which is located steps from the resort. LaPlante wrote in the motion that “the Block Island ferry is a private company, and it was aware of the large number of tickets sold for the ferry that day and is responsible for the boarding and exiting of its patrons on its ferries.”

Michael R. McElroy, of McElroy & Donaldson in Providence, has represented Interstate for years and said its “simply a public transportation service” and their ability to control incidents like what took place on Aug. 8 is “limited.”

“We’re not a whole lot different than a bus service,” said McElroy on a call Friday.

The Interstate Navigation Company was incorporated in 1934. Diesel mechanic and electrician John H. Wronowski became its sole owner in the early 1960s, and Interstate has since operated as a family-run business. Susan Linda joined the company in 1985, according to corporate filings, and is now the company’s president. Her husband, Ray Linda, serves as general manager.

Interstate is licensed by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission to transport passengers, freight, and vehicles between Point Judith in Narragansett and Block Island by a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The certificates are required for any vessel service

transporting people or property within Rhode Island. Interstate Navigation holds a CPCN for its fleet of traditional and fast ferry boats, which carry between 500 and 1,200 people each.

Terry Mercer, associate administrator of the motor carrier section of the RIPUC, told the Globe that all for-hire transportation services on land or water are certified by the PUC. “Then [they are] on their own to provide the service authorized,” said Mercer. “There are no contracts.”

According to NOAA nautical charts, a majority of the ferry ride to Block Island is within state waters, while a small portion is in federal waters.

Mercer says some aspects of the license are regulated by the Coast Guard, while the RIPUC regulates service rates. The CPCN remains in effect unless it is revoked for cause, he said. The recent fights aboard the ferry are the only such incident involving the ferry since he started with the agency 22 years ago, he said.

Interstate’s license was issued on June 25, 1954.

“The [RIPUC] is the only

[state agency] with any jurisdiction over this service, although the State Police may or may not still be investigating this particular incident (they certainly wouldn’t tell us either way),” Mercer wrote in an email to the Globe last week.

Jonathan M. Gutoff, a law professor at Roger Williams University who specializes in maritime law, told the Globe Friday that the RIPUC could have the authority to mandate Interstate to provide additional security and/or deescalation training to their staff. But he does not agree with Ballard’s legal argument that the events of Aug. 8 were not its responsibility.

“If people get drunk at any place, like Ballard’s, and go off to become a public nuisance anywhere, then there’s ... common law that it would be on the establishment that served them,” said Gutoff. “If this happened right outside any nightclub in Providence, it would be the nightclub that would need to be held accountable.”

On Aug. 8, when the rowdy reggae festival at Ballard’s ended around 6 p.m., an exodus of people — some of who were reportedly intoxicated and unruly — left the resort to catch the last ferries to the mainland. Brawls that started at the resort spilled over into lines for the ferry and onto the vessel itself while en route to the mainland that night. Chaos lasted for hours.

North Kingstown and South Kingstown police officers leaped in open water from a Coast Guard vessel onto the ferry. Video taken by passengers show the officers boarding the boat, assisted by crew members, and then drawing their weapons. The fight happened on an unscheduled ferry that had been added because of overcrowding.

Authorities secured the vessel, and seven people were arrested, including at least one person with a knife. Chevon R. Towns, 20, of Providence was charged with weapons other than firearms prohibited after a

three-inch, dual-blade Batman pocketknife was found on him. Another knife may have been tossed overboard, according to documents from the Rhode Island State Police in a public records request filed by the Globe in August.

An Interstate staff member told the Globe Friday that at no point during the summer has the service had to add additional, unscheduled ferries — including the typically crowded July 4 weekend — other than the night of Aug. 8. That night, there were allegedly “about 1,000 people” waiting at the dock when the last scheduled ferry left for the mainland, forcing the ferry to add additional, unscheduled trips.

Interstate authorities said the ferries transported approximately 3,000 people without any incidents that same day. Many of Interstate’s seasonal employees are college students, but do undergo a basic security training, which is mandated by the Coast Guard.

Mercer said the RIPUC routinely reviews the ferry operation’s processes and ensures compliance with state law. But it has never addressed “unruly” behavior aboard its vessels, which he said would “generally be up to the State Police, New Shoreham Police, Narragansett Police, or the US Coast Guard.”

Gutoff said he understands how it might be hard for the ferry company to make a judgment call and leave many intoxicated people stranded on the island, as it would put pressure on a police department that does not have a large force.

“But you don’t want to take a boat full of drunk people either,” he said.

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LivingArts

By Joy Ashford

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After a 2005 car accident left him with a traumatic brain injury, Concord native Ned Sullivan was paired with a Capuchin service monkey by Allston nonprofit Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers. Inspired by the success of their relationship, Ned’s mother, Ellen Rogers, chronicled the story of her son and his helper monkey, Kasey, in her 2010 book, “Kasey to the Rescue: The Remarkable Story of a Monkey and a Miracle.”

Now, Ned and Kasey’s journey has become the inspiration for the film “Gigi & Nate,” out this week, by BAFTA-winning director Nick Hamm. The film follows Nate (Charlie Rowe) after an accident leaves him with quadriplegia and he learns how to build a new life, and find hope, through his relationship with Gigi.

Hamm’s film highlights service animal-human relationships, and shows how these creatures can help people with mobility impairments gain independence, or as Hamm put it, “the ability for them to be alone, but with somebody.” Monkeys can help people with paralysis, for example, with basic tasks so they don’t need to rely on a family member or partner. One person Hamm interviewed during the research process for the movie said that his service monkey “used to put popcorn in the microwave and then they’d watch movies together.”

Beyond showcasing these unique partnerships, “Gigi & Nate” also depicts the push-back organizations that facilitate these relationships receive from activists and state lawmakers who oppose the domestication of wild animals. The director said he hopes his movie will help decrease the “polarization” around the debate, and help people imagine “a different way of trying to understand our relationships with animals that are not domestic,” like monkeys.

Hamm sat down with the Globe to discuss his service animal research, working with a monkey on set, and Ned’s reaction to seeing the film for the first time.

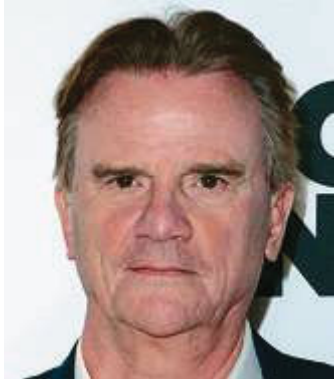
Q. Did you decide to make this movie based primarily on



Nate (Charlie Rowe) with his service animal, Gigi (Allie the monkey), in “Gigi & Nate.”

ANNE MARIE FOX

In ‘Gigi & Nate,’ hope and animal friendship inspired by a Concord man’s journey



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“The monkey had a cold one day. . . . It just happened to coincide with a moment where the monkey comes out of the cage, climbs on the man’s neck, and sits, very calmly. . . . Normally, Allie [who plays Gigi] is a bundle of energy, but because she had a cold, she slowly climbed onto his wheelchair and fell asleep on his neck. And this was the exact moment . . . where that had to happen.”

NICK HAMM, ‘Gigi & Nate’ director

that relationship between Ned and his monkey? Or did you also go into it knowing that the use of service animals is being cracked down on in many places (as the movie portrays) and plan to talk about that, as well?

A. When I first heard about [Ned’s] story, I imagined that

this work was carried on across the globe. What I discovered was that there was just one facility in Boston. It had been going since the ’60s and initially had started work with Vietnam vets coming back with severe injuries, both psychological and physical. [Help-

ing Hands] had started a [rehabilitation] program, and that initial research was done in Boston.

Q. What were some of the joys and challenges of having an animal as a main character in the film?

A. When making a film like that, moments are created accidentally that will never be recreated again. The monkey had a cold one day and was feeling very low. It just happened to coincide with a moment where the monkey comes out of the cage, climbs on the

man’s neck, and sits, very calmly, on his neck. Normally, Allie [the monkey who plays Gigi] is a bundle of energy, but because she had a cold, she slowly climbed onto his wheelchair and fell asleep on his neck. And this was the exact moment in the movie where that had to happen.

Q. Recent films, like “CODA,” have sparked increased conversation about the value of casting someone with the disability or condition that their movie character has. What are your thoughts on that, given “Gigi & Nate” has the non-disabled actor Charlie Rowe as its lead?

A. When we first started, the casting directors and I went out to [casting] agencies for [actors who are disabled]. We made a very strong attempt to see if there was anybody in [the disabled] community that could do this role. But because there is a 15-minute chunk at the beginning of the movie, where the character is able-bodied, it wasn’t possible to [cast] anybody who already was disabled for the film. The cost of doing that on a computer would have made the movie unfilmable. I made sure that, as part of the crew, we had people who had direct or indirect experience of having children who are disabled or family members who are disabled.

Q. What influenced the decision to have the beginning of the movie be about Nate’s journey before he meets Gigi, and before his injury?

A. I think if you don’t give the before, there’s no value in the after. You have to deliver a character that you see going through that loss — otherwise, you don’t see the journey to the character’s redemption later in the movie.

Q. Have you shown the movie to Ned and his family yet? If so, how did they react?

A. Yes, it was probably the most difficult screening for me. His entire family was in tears. It took him a while to process. And I basically said to him, “Are you OK?” And he said, “I’m OK.” And to me, that was brilliant. That was enough.

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Feist leaves Arcade Fire tour after Win Butler abuse allegations

By Derek Hawkins

WASHINGTON POST

The Canadian singer-songwriter Leslie Feist says she is leaving an international tour with Arcade Fire after several people accused the band’s frontman, Win Butler, of sexual misconduct.

The allegations, which Butler denies, surfaced in a lengthy investigation by Pitchfork that was published shortly before the start of Arcade Fire’s tour with Feist through Europe and North America. Feist played two dates with the band before deciding to drop out.

“I’ve always written songs to name my own subtle difficulties, aspire to my best self and claim responsibility when I need to,” Feist said in a tweet Thursday. “And I’m claiming my responsibility now and going home.”

Pitchfork’s story detailed the experiences of four young Arcade Fire fans who said Butler took advantage of their gaps in age and power dynamics in a series of unwanted sexual interactions between 2015 and 2020.

Three women said Butler sent them unwanted, sexually explicit messages when he was in his late 30s and they were between 18 and 23. A fourth person who is gender-fluid said Butler sexually assaulted them twice in 2015, when they were 21 and he was 34.

Pitchfork reported that the fans’ accounts were backed up by screenshots of messages and interviews with friends and family.

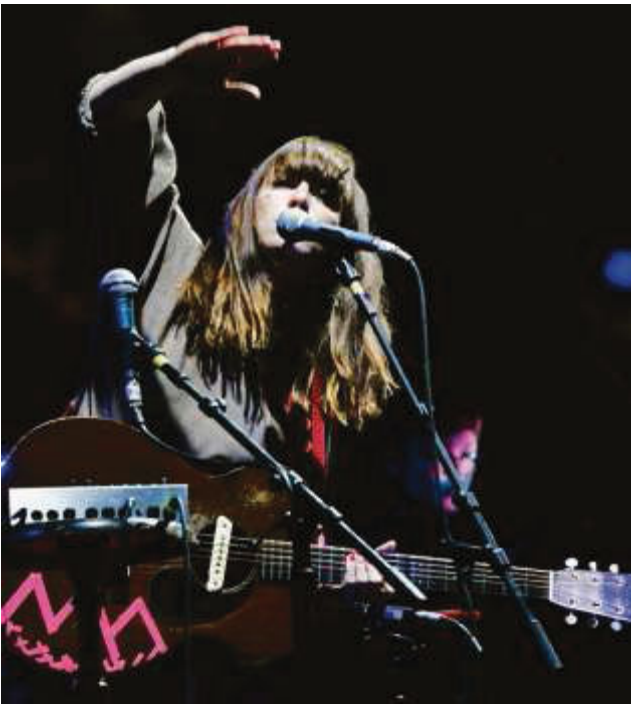
Butler, now 42, acknowledged having sexual interactions with the four people but said they were consensual. “It is deeply revisionist, and frankly just wrong, for anyone to suggest otherwise,” he told Pitchfork.

Feist said she learned of the allegations after rehearsing with her band for a pair of shows in Dublin. It presented her with a moral dilemma, she said.

“We didn’t have any time to prepare for what was coming left alone a chance to decide not to fly across the ocean into the belly of this situation,” she wrote.

“To stay on tour would symbolize I was either defending or ignoring the harm caused by Win Butler,” she said, “and to leave would imply I was the judge and jury.”

At the first two shows opening for Arcade Fire, Feist do-



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Leslie Feist left her international tour with Arcade Fire after several people accused the band’s frontman, Win Butler, of sexual misconduct.

nated all merchandise proceeds to Women’s Aid Dublin, an advocacy group that helps domestic violence victims in Ireland.

She decided to quit altogether, she said, after hearing from people close to her who voiced “sympathy for the dichotomy I have been pushed into.”

“This has ignited a conversation that is bigger than me, it’s bigger than my songs and it’s certainly bigger than any rock and roll tour,” Feist wrote.

She added: “It can be a lonely road to make sense of ill treatment. I can’t solve that by quitting, and I can’t solve it by staying. But I can’t continue.”

An Arcade Fire representative could not immediately be reached for comment Friday. In a statement to Pitchfork, the band said it was “sorry to see Leslie go home, but completely understand and respect her decision.”

Other members of Arcade Fire, who have won multiple Grammys and gold record certifications, have been silent on social media since Pitchfork first reported the sexual misconduct allegations.

In the past week, several radio stations in North America, including Canada’s largest public broadcaster, have pulled the Canadian band’s discography from their rotations. Some fans have urged others to boycott the tour and have called on the live entertainment behemoth Ticketmaster to issue refunds for concert tickets.

Live performances and a season brimming with entertainment on display at Greater Boston Arts Expo

By Maya Homan

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The inaugural Greater Boston Arts Expo will open Sept. 19, with more than 50 cultural institutions from Greater Boston offering free and discounted access to upcoming museum exhibits, plays, and performances. The event will be held on a two-block stretch of the Rose Kennedy Greenway between Milk and High streets, with food trucks, interactive art activities, and live performances. Tents and booths along the Rowes Wharf Plaza will be staffed by representatives from cultural institutions like the City Ballet of Boston, Greater Boston Stage Company, and the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, where attendees can enter raffles, purchase tickets, and learn more about each exhibit or performance.

ArtsBoston partnered with StageSource to host the event, along with contributions from organizations including the Cultural Equity Incubator, the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, and the City of Boston. (The Boston Globe is contributing as the event’s media sponsor.)

“We want to make sure everyone feels welcome and invited,” said ArtsBoston executive director Catherine Peterson. The organizers hope to highlight the city’s artistic community and offerings and provide “a one-stop shop for arts lovers to be able to put together their art schedule for the coming year.”

The event will also feature two stages with live previews of plays, dance shows, and musical performances headed to Boston. Actors from the Huntington Theatre will perform a

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number from their current production, “Sing Street,” while the Boston Lyric Opera will present selected songs from “La Bohème,” which opens at the Emerson Colonial Theatre on Sept. 23. Cambridge-based dancer and choreographer Laura Sanchez will demonstrate the flamenco, while attendees can expect modern dance and jazz performances from Onstage Dance Company and a drag performance from queer theater collective Lurenzone Theatrics. Accessibility accommodations such as ASL interpretation and audio descriptions of performances at the festival will be available upon request.

In addition to live performances, food trucks from New Orleans-style eatery Revelry and Mediterranean shawarma restaurant Sufra will be serving an array of culinary options. For those 21 and over, Trillium Brewing Company will be serving craft brews at a pop-up beer garden.

“The whole point is to come, to be able to have a really nice time and check out what’s coming up for the coming season,” Peterson said. “People will be able to go around and talk to folks from our big, small, and medium-sized arts organizations, and also hear great performances and maybe have an adult beverage and something fun from a food truck.”

Sept. 19, 4-8 p.m. Rowes Wharf Plaza, Rose Kennedy Greenway. More details at stagesource.org/page/GBAX

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Women's hockey: US-Czech Republic, 8 a.m., NHL
College football: Rutgers-BC, noon, ACC
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LIV GOLF INVITATIONAL BOSTON FIRST ROUND, AT THE INTERNATIONAL, BOLTON

Wolff has ace up sleeve

His hole-in-one spurs opening 63

By Julian Benbow
GLOBE STAFF

BOLTON — The line between history and trivia is razor thin. Whether Matthew Wolff goes down as one or the other will depend largely on how much of a foothold the upstart LIV Golf tour can make on the sport's landscape. But the 23-year-old gave the nascent tour one of its most exciting moments when aced the second hole at The International in the first round of the LIV Golf Invitational Boston on Friday. Wolff left the PGA Tour in

June to join LIV and he brought a following with him. When he ripped his tee shot on No. 2, fans let out affectionate howls, with no idea how well the ball was struck. It became clear once the ball was in flight. Wolff's shot made a beeline for the flag, bounced twice, then found the cup. The howls turned to roars. Wolff pumped his fists and high-fived anyone within arm's reach. The first ace in LIV history was his. Wolff's caddie Nick Heinen let him know it was the first. Wolff gathered himself and said, "It's not the last." On a tour so new, the opportunities for firsts come with every swing. The moment gave

Wolff juice that carried him to the top of the leaderboard with a 7-under-par 63. But he walked away believing it was just the start and not the summit. ►It was a party atmosphere — everywhere — in Round 1. C2 "Being the first one to do anything is always special," Wolff said. "But I know for a fact I'm not going to be the last. Don't get me wrong, I'm thrilled, but I'd rather be holding that trophy at the end of the week." Wolff has been knocking at the door of his first LIV win since he debuted in Portland in June. He finished eighth at LIV GOLF, Page C2



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Sergio Garcia, who opened with a 70, was a picture of concentration on the second tee.



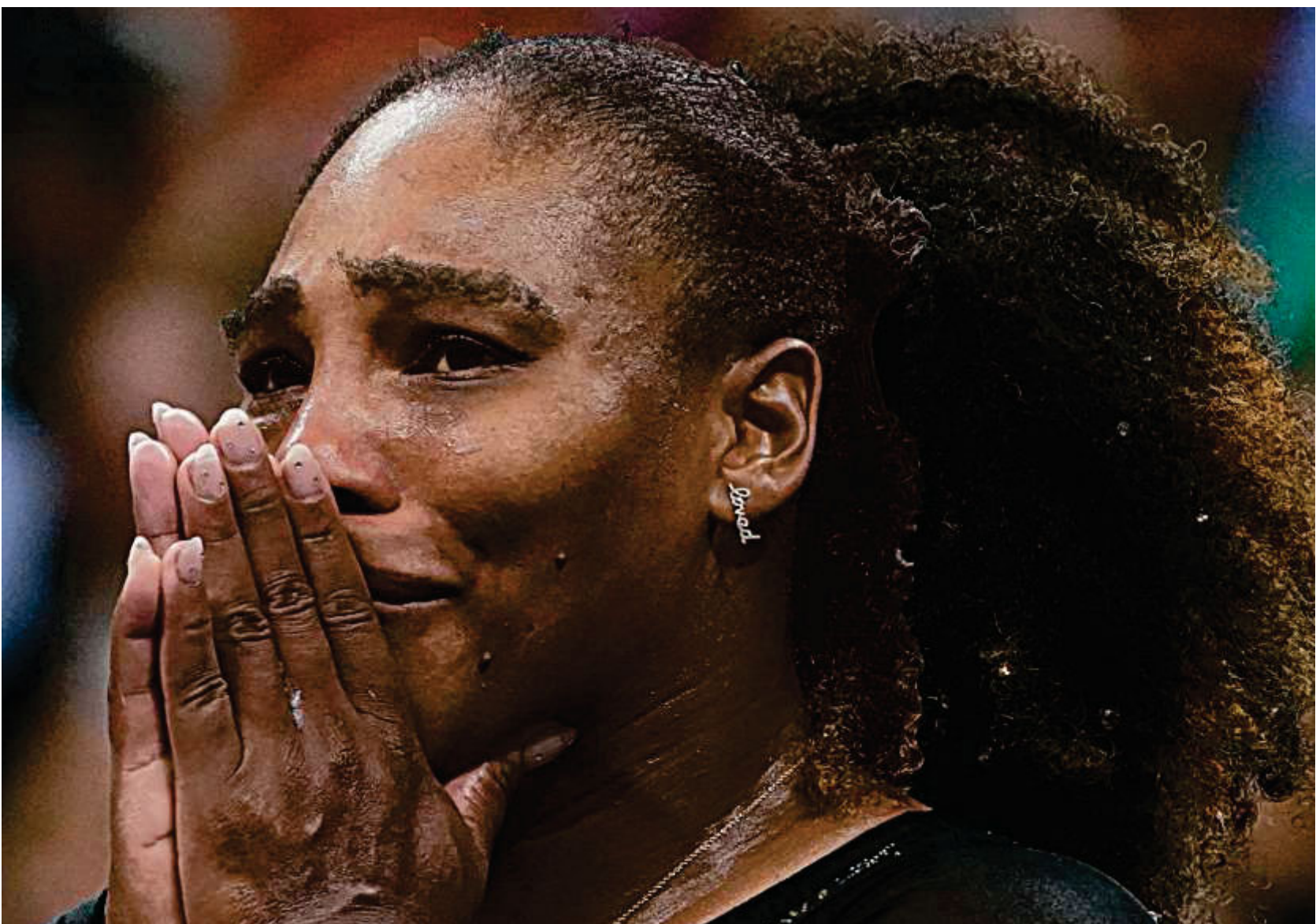
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Meyers's QB background a connection

Patriots WR is on same wavelength as Jones

By Jim McBride
GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Jakobi Meyers has been in the same spots Mac Jones has been in, and that's one of the big reasons the receiver knows where his quarterback wants him to be. Meyers believes his background as a quarterback is one of the main reasons the two built a quick rapport in Jones's rookie season. "That's probably one of the most important things," said Meyers, who was a signal-caller in high school and briefly at North Carolina State before being converted to receiver. "I understand where he wants me to be; he doesn't always have to point the finger or scream out what he needs. "I get it. I know what it's like being behind a D-line, people chasing you, just trying to get the ball out of your hands. So, just trying to make sure I used what I've learned to help him and be there when he needs me." Meyers was right where Jones needed him more often than not last season, when he was one of the QB's go-to guys, leading the Patriots with 83 catches for 866 yards. In addition, Meyers had 19 first-down conversions on third down. He appreciates the bond. "It takes a lot of trust to get there," said Meyers. "The fact that he looks to me in certain situations — I guess I must be doing some things right. "That can change quickly; that's the NFL, things change fast. So it's something where I've got to go out there and keep proving [myself] over and over again. It doesn't matter what I did last year, I've got to go out and win again on third down this year." Meyers has been impressed with Jones's leadership leap in Year 2. "Last year we had other guys to compete with," said Meyers, alluding to the QB competition Jones won over Cam Newton last summer. PATRIOTS, Page C6



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After losing in an epic third-round match to Ajla Tomljanovic, Serena Williams tearfully thanked her parents, her sister Venus, and her fans.

Serena bids farewell

TARA SULLIVAN



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Serena Williams showed heart during her match — and after it.



NEW YORK — The crowd fought. Serena Williams fought. Together, doing everything they could to make this night last one minute, one stroke, one point longer. Cheering from above, willing their hero to score. Slugging down below, pushing a body near the point of exhaustion. Through five match points Williams would fight, saying later, through tears, "I tried." She tried. My goodness, she tried. But in the end, her age, the passage of time, the rigors of tennis, the vagaries of fate — they all fought back. And they won,

waking us from a dream that lasted longer than anyone might have thought, but finished sooner than everyone wanted. Serena Williams's stirring run at the US Open ended Friday night, the power and poise of Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia ultimately too much for the 40-year-old American. Williams dropped a 7-5, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1 decision in the third round of a tournament that is widely expected to be the final Grand Slam singles one of her legendary career. Amid sustained applause that rocked SULLIVAN, Page C6

Celtics' Gallinari tears ACL, out indefinitely

By Adam Himmelsbach
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Celtics forward Danilo Gallinari has been diagnosed with a torn ACL in his left knee and will be out indefinitely. A league source said Friday that Gallinari is expected to undergo surgery after the swelling in his knee dissipates and that there is no timetable for his return, but ACL tears typically sideline players for 8-12 months. Gallinari, 34, tore the ACL in the same knee in 2013. Gallinari suffered the non-

contact injury when he took a bad step during the fourth quarter of Italy's 91-84 win over Georgia in a FIBA World Cup qualifier last Saturday. He was helped off the court and quickly ruled out of this month's EuroBasket tournament. Gallinari was initially diagnosed with a torn meniscus, which would require a shorter recovery time, and doctors in Italy believed that his ACL appeared stable. But a full MRI after Gallinari returned to Boston CELTICS, Page C6



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Connor Wong (right) made noise with his first homer, a 439-foot blast over the Monster that scored Kiké Hernández.

Wong's first blast highlights Sox rout

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 9
Rangers 1 Connor Wong's awakening at the plate in August had little to do with a mechanical adjustment. Little to do with a swing tweak or the angle of his bat at the point of contact. Instead, his nine homers and .368 batting average that spanned his last 16 games at Triple A Worcester made more to do with seeing the ball. Zeroing in on the pitch from the time it

left the pitcher's hand. In the bottom of the seventh inning Friday, in a game that was already well out of reach, the 26-year-old catcher saw his first big league homer sail over the Green Monster. The two-run shot helped stamp a convincing 9-1 Sox win against the Rangers. "There was a second there where I was like, 'Oh, I hope this gets out,'" Wong said. "Luckily, I was able to see it [go over]." "It was a good swing," manager Alex Cora said. "He has RED SOX, Page C4

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LIV Golf



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Phil Mickelson was all smiles before the opening round, but he shot a 4-over-par 74 and is in 45th place out of 48 players.

Living it up in the first round

It's party atmosphere, and sky was the limit

By Cam Kerry
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

BOLTON — As pink smoke emanated from the area in front of the first tee, a parachute cascaded from the afternoon sky, bereft of a single cloud.

When the duo in the parachute touched down, LIV Golf CEO and commissioner Greg Norman emerged from the harness and pumped his fists in the air as the crowd roared.

The spectacle came right before Dustin Johnson and Cameron Smith teed off, with Guns N' Roses's "Welcome to the Jungle" blaring from the speakers. Norman snapped pictures with the Frog-X Parachute Team and engaged in friendly banter with fans behind the tee box.

The LIV Golf Invitational Boston, which began Friday at The International in Bolton, is a far cry from what golf fans are used to seeing. Prior to the round, the PA announcer said "This is golf, just a little bit louder."

With electronic dance music and pop hits blaring as players warmed up, the scene felt more like an exhibition than a competitive event with a \$25 million purse.

A moderate crowd attended the first round — LIV organizers do not provide crowd estimates — and at one point fans stood three rows deep along the first tee and down the first fairway. The crowd was not as big as those in attendance at recent PGA Tour events at TPC Boston.

"This is more friendly, more up-close," said Alan Kelly, a Somerville resident. "This is more of a party theme."

Performers on stilts greeted fans at the gates in front of the warm-up area, and a circus performer twirled a massive yo-yo as he interacted with event-goers. The over-the-top theatrics walk a fine line between a fun, energetic experience and high-level golf.

"It's pretty cool," said Dan Difelice, a Sudbury resident attending his first professional golf tournament. "I can't compare it to a PGA [event], but it does seem to be a lot more laidback, more fun. I guess it's more interesting to watch; I've seen golf on television and I just can't watch it."



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

The scene at The International featured a greeter in costume — and on stilts — welcoming fans to the opening round of the LIV Golf Invitational Boston.

The laidback atmosphere provided fans with an opportunity to observe players from mere feet away on the putting green and driving range before all 48 golfers teed off at 1:15 p.m. in a shotgun start.

Phil Mickelson spent time signing various items in a designated kids autograph zone, sporting a big smile as he fist-bumped the children lined up to see him.

"It seems like there is no pressure on them, as if they are just here for a good time, they don't care about winning or losing," said Davey Coen, a Stoneham resident who attended the US Open at The Country Club in Brookline in June. "That's just going off everything going off around them. I think everything in the PGA is more professional. I think this is just more of a party. It was not like this in Brookline."

Food trucks and bars encircled the stage and lounge area, equipped with umbrellas and outdoor furniture. Long-putt competitions, chipping challenges, and neon glow-in-the-dark mini-golf entertained fans while some enjoyed \$5 beers. Even after all the groups began playing, hundreds of patrons remained in the entertainment area.

"A lot better atmosphere — there's music,

a lot of people around, a lot more fun," said Gene Lord, a Denmark, Maine, resident who came to see Mickelson. "Obviously, there's a lot of golf fans here, but I think it's something to witness firsthand. It's the first time that it's been in this area."

Away from the golf course, a group of protesters gathered at the Bolton Fair Grounds, where spectators park just over 4 miles away. Organized by the Massachusetts Peace Action, nine protesters stood outside the fan bus area holding signs to bring awareness to the Saudi Arabian government's role in LIV Golf.

The financial arm of the Saudi government, the Public Investment Fund, funds LIV, which has siphoned players from the PGA Tour. Massachusetts Peace Action also staged a peaceful protest against players on the LIV tour playing in the US Open in June.

For some, the appeal of some of the game's big names playing on a local course presented too good of an opportunity to pass up.

"I grew up around here and have actually played this course before," said Owen Fay, a Lancaster resident. "I'm a big fan of some of the golfers that play on the LIV tour. Definitely very interesting and exciting and so far they've put on a good show."

"I'm looking forward to seeing the pros play a course that I've played before."

Andrew Gillis, a native of Lancaster who recently moved to Somerville, worked at The International from 2016-20.

"I have to see something like this at a course where I worked my whole, entire childhood," said Gillis. "This is something really special to me, seeing something like this."

"Being here is crazy right now. Even standing right here, I never thought I'd see this Oaks parking lot turned into something like it is right now."

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Wolff's hole-in-one spurs opening 63

►LIV GOLF
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Pumpkin Ridge at 3 under, then followed with a second-place finish last month in Bedminster, N.J.

Wolff's hole-in-one washed away a shaky start. He opened the day par, bogey, birdie on Nos. 16, 17, and 18, then composed himself with a par on No. 1. After the ace, he rattled off five more birdies and an eagle, making bogeys on 11 and 14 easily forgettable.

"It really helped to put a good round together and keep that momentum going, but I just tried to do my part for myself and for my team to post a good number and that's what I did," he said. "So I think having an ace would be cool, but I think winning one of the first events would be cooler."

Wolff went into the clubhouse tied with Talor Gooch for the lead after the first round.

Gooch acknowledged he didn't see himself on the LIV tour this long. His original plan was to play one event, but when the PGA suspended all players who defected, the decision was made for him.

He's found success regardless of the circumstances with top-10 finishes in all three events, and that didn't change in Bolton.

Starting on No. 2, he birdied four of the first five holes and eight total.

"When you get it going that early, you start thinking, 'All right, let's put the foot on the gas and go,'" Gooch said.

Joaquin Niemann, who was grouped with Gooch and Bryson DeChambeau, interjected, "You could shoot 54!"

Gooch laughed and said, "I wish I could have, golly. I wouldn't be here right now if I did."

Wolf and Gooch helped give their respective teams cozy Day 1 leads. Wolff's HyFlyers, captained by Phil Mickelson, sat atop the team competition at 11 under. Gooch's Aces, led by Dustin Johnson, were right behind them at 10 under.

Gooch said that along with his expectations whenever he steps on the course, there's added motivation that comes with setting a bar for the quality of golf on a new tour.

"I was talking with [Johnson] on the range before the round, and he goes, 'I'm more motivated now than I've been the last 10 years,'" Gooch said. "I keep saying when there's only 48 guys, it's going to expose the guys that don't play well and you don't want to be the guy that doesn't play well, especially for your teammates."

First-round scores

Friday At The International Golf Club Oaks Course Bolton, Mass. Purse: \$20 million Yardage: 6,965; Par: 70		
Matthew Wolff.....	30-33-63	-7
Talor Gooch.....	30-33-63	-7
Cameron Smith.....	31-33-64	-6
Joaquin Niemann.....	31-33-64	-6
Kevin Na.....	34-32-66	-4
Bernd Wiesberger.....	32-34-66	-4
Louis Oosthuizen.....	34-32-66	-4
Paul Casey.....	35-31-66	-4
Anirban Lahiri.....	34-32-66	-4
Sadom Kaewkanjana.....	34-33-67	-3
Charles Howell III.....	33-34-67	-3
Pat Perez.....	32-35-67	-3
Lee Westwood.....	34-33-67	-3
Dustin Johnson.....	32-35-67	-3
Branden Grace.....	33-34-67	-3
Harold Varner III.....	35-32-67	-3
Jason Kokrak.....	32-35-67	-3
Eugenio Chacarra.....	35-33-68	-2
Martin Kaymer.....	36-32-68	-2
Richard Bland.....	34-34-68	-2
Charl Schwartzel.....	34-34-68	-2
Graeme McDowell.....	35-33-68	-2
Hudson Swafford.....	34-35-69	-1
Abraham Ancer.....	35-34-69	-1
Matthew Jones.....	33-36-69	-1
Laurie Canter.....	34-35-69	-1
Patrick Reed.....	33-36-69	-1
Bryson Dechambeau.....	33-36-69	-1
Carlos Ortiz.....	32-37-69	-1
Ian Poulter.....	34-35-69	-1
Chase Koepka.....	34-36-70	E
Shaun Norris.....	35-35-70	E
Brooks Koepka.....	39-31-70	E
Marc Leishman.....	35-35-70	E
Sergio Garcia.....	34-36-70	E
Scott Vincent.....	36-34-70	E
Jediah Morgan.....	36-35-71	+1
Turk Pettit.....	37-34-71	+1
Shergo Al Kurdi.....	36-35-71	+1
Cameron Tringale.....	33-38-71	+1
Peter Uihlein.....	34-37-71	+1
P. Khongwatmai.....	34-38-72	+2
Sam Horsfield.....	38-34-72	+2
Wade Ormsby.....	35-38-73	+3
Phil Mickelson.....	35-39-74	+4
Adrian Otaegui.....	37-38-75	+5
James Piot.....	38-39-77	+7
Sihwan Kim.....	37-50-87	+17
Team scores		
-11 — Hy Flyers GC (Mickelson, Wiesberger, Wolff, Tringale)		
-10 — 4 Aces GC (Johnson, Gooch, Perez, Reed)		
-8 — Crushers GC (Dechambeau, Howell, Casey, Lahiri)		
-7 — Punch GC (Smith, Leishman, Jones, Ormsby)		
-7 — Stinger GC (Oosthuizen, Schwartzel, Grace, Norris)		
-6 — Torque GC (Niemann, Vincent, Otaegui, Morgan)		
-4 — Cleeks GC (Kaymer, McDowell, Canter, Bland)		
-4 — Iron Heads GC (Ma, Kaewkanjana, Kim, Khongwatmai)		
-4 — Majesticks GC (Westwood, Poulter, Horsfield, Al Kurdi)		
-4 — Niblicks GC (Varner, Swafford, Pettit, Piot)		
-3 — Fireballs GC (Garcia, Ancer, Ortiz, Chacarra)		
-3 — Smash GC (Koepka, Kokrak, Uihlein, Koepka)		
New England player		
71 (+1) — Peter Uihlein, Matta-poisett, 34-37		

"I think iron sharpens iron, and when your team is good, bad or anything in between, you don't want to be the guy bringing up from behind. That's what's so cool about the team aspect, I think, is each round you want your score to count and you don't want to be the guy that has gone two, three rounds like, 'Hey, I haven't contributed.'"

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Matthew Wolff had LIV Golf's first hole-in-one en route to a 7-under-par 63 and a share of the first-round lead.

Saturday's Round 2 pairings, tee times

- Shotgun Start, 1:15 p.m.**
No. 1: Matthew Wolff, Cameron Smith, Talor Gooch
No. 2: Joaquin Niemann, Kevin Na, Bernd Wiesberger
No. 3: Louis Oosthuizen, Anirban Lahiri, Paul Casey
No. 4: Sadom Kaewkanjana, Charles Howell III, Pat Perez
No. 5: Lee Westwood, Dustin Johnson, Branden Grace
No. 6: Harold Varner III, Jason Kokrak, Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra
No. 7: Martin Kaymer, Richard Bland, Charl Schwartzel
No. 8: Graeme McDowell, Hudson Swafford, Abraham Ancer
No. 10: Matt Jones, Laurie Canter, Patrick Reed
No. 11: Bryson Dechambeau, Carlos Ortiz, Chase Koepka
No. 12: Chase Koepka, Brooks Koepka, Ian Poulter
No. 13: Marc Leishman, Sergio Garcia, Scott Vincent
No. 15: Jediah Morgan, Turk Pettit, Shergo Al Kurdi
No. 16: Cameron Tringale, Peter Uihlein, Phachara Khongwatmai
No. 17: Sam Horsfield, Wade Ormsby, Phil Mickelson
No. 18: Adrian Otaegui, James Piot, Sihwan Kim



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Protesters were at the Bolton Fairgrounds, where spectators parked to board buses to the event.

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A road map to a successful offseason

Houck out for year, back surgery likely

Wong's first blast highlights Sox rout

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A comebacker got Nick Pivetta in the third inning, ending his night early.

Baseball



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Kiké Hernández greets participants in an pregame ceremony spotlighting childhood cancer awareness on Friday night at Fenway Park.

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EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
New York	79	53	.598	—	—	5-5	L 2
Tampa Bay	73	57	.562	5	—	8-2	W 4
Toronto	71	59	.546	7	—	6-4	W 1
Baltimore	70	61	.534	8½	1½	7-3	W 3
Boston	65	68	.489	14½	7½	5-5	W 3

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	68	62	.523	—	—	4-6	L 3
Minnesota	67	63	.515	1	4	5-5	L 2
Chicago	66	66	.500	3	6	4-6	W 3
Kansas City	53	80	.398	16½	19½	4-6	L 3
Detroit	51	81	.386	18	21	5-5	W 1

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
*Houston	84	47	.641	—	—	7-3	W 3
Seattle	74	58	.561	10½	—	8-2	W 5
Texas	58	73	.443	26	13½	3-7	L 6
*Los Angeles	57	74	.435	27	14½	5-5	W 1
Oakland	49	84	.368	36	23½	4-6	L 3

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
New York	85	48	.639	—	—	6-4	W 3
Atlanta	82	51	.617	3	—	7-3	W 3
*Philadelphia	73	58	.557	11	—	7-3	W 1
Miami	55	76	.420	29	17½	3-7	L 5
Washington	45	87	.341	39½	28	4-6	L 1

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
St. Louis	77	55	.583	—	—	7-3	W 2
*Milwaukee	69	61	.531	7	3	5-5	L 1
Chicago	56	76	.424	21	17	3-7	L 1
Cincinnati	52	78	.400	24	20	4-6	W 1
Pittsburgh	49	82	.374	27½	23½	2-8	L 2

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
*Los Angeles	90	40	.692	—	—	6-4	L 2
*San Diego	73	59	.553	18	—	7-3	W 3
*Arizona	62	68	.477	28	10	7-3	W 1
*San Francisco	61	68	.473	28½	10½	2-8	L 7
Colorado	56	77	.421	35½	17½	3-7	L 3

RESULTS												
FRIDAY												
At Boston 9	Texas 1	At Atlanta 8	Miami 1									
Toronto 4	at Pittsburgh 6	At Chi. White Sox 4	Minnesota 3									
At Cincinnati 3	Colorado 2	At St. Louis 8	Chi. Cubs 0									
At Baltimore 5	Oakland 2	Houston	at LA Angels									
At Detroit 5	Kansas City 4	Milwaukee	at Arizona									
At Tampa Bay 9	NY Yankees 0	San Diego	at LA Dodgers									
Seattle 6	at Cleveland 1	Philadelphia	at San Francisco									
At NY Mets 7	Washington 3											

THURSDAY												
At Boston 9	Texas 8	At NY Mets 5	LA Dodgers 3									
Seattle 7	at Detroit 0	Baltimore 3	at Cleveland 0									
At Chi. White Sox 7	Kansas City 1	At Atlanta 3	Colorado 0									
At Washington 7 (10 inn.)	Oakland 5	At Arizona 5	Milwaukee 0									

SATURDAY'S GAMES												
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	W-L	ERA	Team	W-L	2022 vs. opp.	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	Last 3 starts
Odds												
TEXAS AT BOSTON, 4:10 p.m.												
Arihara (R)	Off	1-2	5.40	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.0	5.40		
Bello (R)	Off	0-4	7.27	0-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0-2	13.0	6.92	

PHILADELPHIA AT SAN FRANCISCO, 4:05 p.m.												
Syndergaard (R)	-130	8-9	3.98	9-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	19.2	4.12		
Junis (R)	+110	4-4	4.04	8-6	0-0	4.1	2.08	0-1	18.0	5.00		

KANSAS CITY AT DETROIT, 6:10 p.m.												
Heasley (R)	-110	2-6	5.22	4-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.0	3.00		
Pineda (R)	-110	2-6	5.27	4-6	0-2	10.1	4.35	0-3	10.1	10.45		

NY YANKEES AT TAMPA BAY, 6:10 p.m.												
Schmidt (R)	+120	5-3	2.89	1-1	1-0	5.2	1.59	0-1	7.1	4.91		
Kluber (R)	-140	9-7	4.21	14-11	0-1	18.0	1.50	2-0	18.0	3.00		

TORONTO AT PITTSBURGH, 6:35 p.m.												
Stripling (R)	Off	6-4	2.94	11-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	1-1	18.1	1.96	
Oviedo (R)	Off	2-1	3.20	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0-1	5.0	5.40	

COLORADO AT CINCINNATI, 6:40 p.m.												
Márquez (R)	+100	7-10	4.97	13-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	19.0	4.26		
Lozolo (L)	-120	3-5	4.30	7-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	19.1	3.26		

OAKLAND AT BALTIMORE, 7:05 p.m.												
Oller (R)	Off	2-6	5.66	4-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	20.0	1.80		
Voth (R)	Off	4-4	4.48	8-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.2	1.53		

WASHINGTON AT NY METS, 7:15 p.m.												
Corbin (L)	+345	5-17	6.56	5-21	0-3	17.2	6.62	1-1	17.1	3.63		
Scherzer (R)	-445	9-4	2.27	12-7	2-0	12.2	3.55	1-2	20.0	4.05		

CHI. CUBS AT ST. LOUIS, 7:15 p.m.												
Smyly (L)	+180	5-7	3.24	7-11	0-1	7.0	1.29	0-1	18.1	1.87		
Wainwright (R)	-220	9-9	3.09	15-11	1-1	20.0	1.80	1-1	19.2	1.43		

MINNESOTA AT CHI. WHITE SOX, 7:15 p.m.												
Mahle (R)	+120	11-8	4.14	11-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	14.1	2.51		
Cease (R)	-140	12-6	2.27	18-8	1-0	7.0	0.00	0-0	0-1	18.1	4.42	

SEATTLE AT CLEVELAND, 7:15 p.m.												
Ray (L)	Off	11-8	3.58	16-10	1-0	7.0	0.00	3-0	19.2	1.37		
Curry (R)	Off	0-0	5.40	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	5.0	5.40		

MIAMI AT ATLANTA, 7:20 p.m.												
Cabrera (R)	+170	4-2	2.45	5-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.2	3.06		
Odorizzi (R)	-200	5-5	3.90	9-8	0-0	4.0	4.50	1-1	16.2	4.32		

MILWAUKEE AT ARIZONA, 8:10 p.m.												
Burnes (R)	-180	9-6	2.84	16-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.1	7.04		
Bumgarner (L)	+150	6-13	4.87	11-15	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	14.2	11.05		

HOUSTON AT LA ANGELS, 9:07 p.m.												
Garcia (R)	-110	11-8	4.14	15-8	1-0	11.2	3.09	3-0	16.0	5.63		
Ohtani (L)	-110	11-8	2.67	11-11	2-1	16.2	1.08	1-1	17.0	2.65		

SAN DIEGO AT LA DODGERS, 9:10 p.m.												
Manaea (L)	+180	7-7	4.90	12-12	0-2	8.1	15.12	1-1	15.0	6.00		
Urlas (L)	-220	14-7	2.32	16-9	1-0	5.0	1.80	2-1	17.0	1.06		

*Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season

NOTEBOOK

Tampa blasts Yankees to move closer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeffrey Springs pitched neatly into the sixth inning, **Christian Bethancourt** hit a seventh-inning two-run homer, and the Tampa Bay Rays moved within five games of the AL East-leading New York Yankees with a 9-0 victory at Tropicana Field.

It was the first of six games between the teams in a 10-day span as New York saw its once-commanding 15½-game advantage continue to evaporate.

Springs (7-4) gave up four hits and three walks, along with seven strikeouts in 5½ innings. **JT Char- gois**, **Colin Poche**, **Jason Adam**, and **Calvin Faucher** completed the five-hitter. Tampa Bay has limited the Yankees to 42 runs (32 earned) in 14 games.

Bethancourt made it 3-0 on his homer off **Do- mingo Germán** (2-3), who allowed three runs — two earned — and six hits over 6½ innings. The Rays have won four in a row to move 16 games over .500.

Yankees left fielder **Andrew Benintendi** left in the third inning after injuring his right wrist on a swing. X-rays were negative but he will have an MRI exam Saturday. Beforehand, the Yankees an- nounced first baseman **Anthony Rizzo** will miss the entire series after getting a shot for lower back pain.

Plesac busts thumb with punch

Trying to hang on to their slim lead in the Amer- ican League Central, the Cleveland Guardians lost both **Zach Plesac** (broken hand) and **Aaron Civale** (forearm inflammation). Each was placed on the 15-day injured list before Cleveland, which leads Minnesota by just one game, lost its series opener, 6-1, to Seattle.

Guardians manager **Terry Francona** said Plesac, who was to pitch Friday, fractured his fifth metacar- pal when he punched the ground in frustration af- ter giving up a homer last weekend. Plesac's palm had been swollen for a few days, and when the team had him undergo imaging tests, the fracture was re- vealed. Francona said the “best-case” scenario is Plesac only misses one week.

This will be the third trip to the injured list this season for Civale, a Northeastern product. The righthander missed time with a wrist sprain and then with a strained glute. He's 2-6 with a 5.40 ERA.

Cal Raleigh homered twice for the Mariners and **Luis Castillo** pitched six solid innings as Seattle pushed its winning streak to five. The righthander extended Cleveland's scoreless streak to 27 innings — the club's longest since a 28-inning scoring dry spell in 1991 — before the Guardians pushed across a run in the seventh.

Manoah, Jays dominate Pirates

Alek Manoah pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and **Bo Bichette** homered, leading To- ronto to a 4-0 win over the Pirates in Pittsburgh. Manoah (13-7) allowed five hits and struck out six in seven innings, retiring 15 of the final 18 batters he faced. The righthander went at least seven in- nings without allowing a run for the first time since last Sept. 13, when he made it through eight in- nings. The Blue Jays have won 10 of 15 and main- tained their 1½-game edge over Baltimore in the race for the third and final wild-card spot in the American League . . . Detroit outfielder **Austin Meadows** revealed on social media he has been dealing with mental health issues along with phys- ical ailments and will not play again this season. “I’ve spent a lot of time with Austin in the last cou- ple of weeks,” Detroit manager **A.J. Hinch** said. “We’ll offer him all the support we can, and we have been.” . . . Twins starter **Sonny Gray** exited Minneso- ta's game against the Chicago White Sox because of right hamstring tightness . . . **Pete Alonso** hit a tie- breaking homer leading off the sixth inning, and the New York Mets beat the Washington Nationals, 7-3. He has 32 homers and leads the NL with 106 RBIs . . . San Francisco captain **Brandon Belt** told re- porters he will have season-ending surgery on his right knee Saturday, his third procedure on the knee in seven years. The 34-year-old hit a career- worst .213/.326/.350 in 78 games this season.

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US OPEN

Berrettini dominates Murray

After surgeries, ex-No. 1 believes he can play the best

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NEW YORK — Andy Murray's latest Week 1 exit at a Grand Slam tournament did not discourage him. The three-time major champion still thinks he can go toe-to-toe with the best in men's tennis — even after two hip operations, even as the years without a trip past the third round at any of the sport's biggest events stretch on.

After bowing out at that stage of the US Open with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3 loss across more than 3 ½ hours against 2021 Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini on Friday, Murray chose to look on the bright side.

"I've got a metal hip. It's not easy playing with that. It's really difficult. I'm surprised I'm still able to compete with guys that are right up at the top of the game," the 35-year-old Murray said, resting his head on his left hand. "Matches like this, I'm really proud that I have worked myself into a position where I'm able to do that.

"I'm really disappointed that I didn't get over the line today. But I get reminded, like, 'This is the first time you've made the third round here since 2016.' It's been six years. It's been a difficult six years for me."

Berrettini, a big hitter who reached the 2019 semifinals at Flushing Meadows, dominated in just about every statistical way at Arthur Ashe Stadium, hours before 23-time Grand Slam title winner Serena Williams was eliminated by Ajla Tomljanovic with a 7-5, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1 loss in what was expected to be her final match.

Williams, who turns 41 this month, still didn't definitely say her career was over. But her tearful thanks to her parents, older sister Venus and fans afterward made it sound that way.

"It's been a fun ride. It's been the most incredible ride and journey I've ever been on in my life," Williams said.

Coco Gauff, an 18-year-old American who reached the final at the French Open in June, made it to the fourth round at the US Open for the first time with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Madison Keys, the 2017 runner-up in New York and seeded 20th this year.

Gauff's match ended a little more than an hour before Williams-Tomljanovic was due to begin — and so the teen looked ahead a bit.

"I know she's on my side of the draw," Gauff said about Williams, whom she cites as an idol and inspiration and would love to get the chance to face. "Hopefully we can both keep winning. It's been a lifelong dream of mine for that to happen."

Gauff now meets Zhang Shuai, who eliminated Rebecca Marino, 6-2, 6-4.

In other action during the day session, Wimbledon finalist Ons Jabeur came back to defeat No. 31 Shelby Rogers, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, and avoid the sort of early exit by a high-seeded woman that has filled the first week of play at the year's last major. No. 2 Anett Kontaveit (who lost to Williams), No. 3 Maria Sakkari, and No. 4 Paula Badosa are all already gone, as are 2021 champion Emma Raducanu and 2021 runner-up Leylah Fernandez; No. 1 Iga Swiatek and No. 5 Jabeur have offered a bit of the expected.

Jabeur reached the fourth round in New York for the first time after going 0-3 in the third round since 2019.

"Finally," Jabeur said. "I know that I don't play the best on hard courts, but it's always amazing to see how I'm improving, how I'm pushing my limits."

She next plays No. 18 Veronika Kudermetova, who needed just 47 minutes to overwhelm Dalma Galfi, 6-2, 6-0.

In the men's bracket, French Open runner-up Casper Ruud edged 29th-seeded Tommy Paul in five sets, while No. 27 Karen Khachanov moved on when his opponent, Jack Draper, stopped playing in the third set because of an injured hamstring.

Defending men's champion Daniil Medvedev was scheduled to face Wu Yibing of China in Ashe to close the night.

The 13th-seeded Berrettini advanced to face Alejandro Davidovich Fokina on Sunday by hitting more aces than the unseeded Murray, 18-5, delivering far more total winners, 55-24, and accumulating 15 break points, converting five, while facing only four.

Murray's summation: "I served pretty poorly for a large part of the match."

He won his first Slam trophy at the US Open in 2012, then added titles at Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016, becoming the first British man to triumph there since the 1930s. Murray made it to No. 1 in the rankings in 2017; that also was the last time he reached the fourth round at any major, doing so at the All England Club.

"Unfortunately, I never played him when he was No. 1, but his level seems very high right now. He's super intelligent. He reads the game very well. ... He made me sweat a lot," Berrettini said after a match that was interrupted for about five minutes while paramedics attended to a spectator. "He still moves well. He has a lot of strength in his legs. I see him in the gym all the time."

The first procedure on his hip came early in 2018, and the assumption by most, including Murray, was that he would need to retire. Then a second surgery, to install the metal implant, arrived in January 2019.

"Lots of people told me I wouldn't be able to play again. And lots of people told me I'd be able to hit tennis balls but not compete professionally again. That was nonsense," he said Friday, "and I want to see how close I can get back to the top of the game."



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Serena Williams went kicking and screaming, playing the brand of tennis that always defined her.

Serena bids a heartfelt farewell

►SULLIVAN
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Arthur Ashe Stadium from foundation to rafters, Williams found herself choking back tears as she spoke on the court after the loss. Thanking her parents, thanking her older sister Venus, and thanking the fans for taking her on "the most incredible ride and journey I've ever been on in my life."

Life beckons with new directions — her daughter Olympia, soon to be 5, wants a sibling — and business ventures both she and husband Alex Ohanian are involved in are waiting to be explored. But before moving on, before singing karaoke with Olympia without having to worry about getting to the gym, before putting the competitive racket away for good, there is this night to be remembered forever. This night when she once again turned back time, battling with a younger, equally powerful opponent to the final stroke, just as she'd always done.

"It was some really great moments today," Williams said, "Not just today, but this week, has been really great. Just so much support, so much love. It was really amazing and overwhelming. So grateful for it. I am so grateful for it."

If this is indeed it, and Williams's evolution out of the competitive portion of her professional life has officially begun, this was a fitting farewell, one that exceeded expectations on every imaginable level. Even in defeat, she played fantastic tennis. She turned this place into her own backyard playground, turned all eyes to a tennis match in a stadium that stands in the shadow of the Mets' major league ballpark, turned a ticket market upside down with fans in a frenzy to get their hands on the hottest event in town, turned a tennis tournament into a nightly rock concert with her as the star.

Maybe, in the end, all of that will make it easier for her to say goodbye, knowing she exited playing the same brand of tennis that has always defined her, from the back-to-back 113-m.p.h. serves she somehow aced early in the third set to the gut-check tiebreak she somehow pulled out at the end of the second to keep the night going.

Or maybe, this will make it that much harder, knowing she walks into the future with a game still good enough to compete with the best, an upset of the No. 2 seed Anett Kontaveit here in New York and a slugfest with the hard-hitting Tomljanovic a credit to how much she got her game in shape in mere months. Tomljanovic is unseeded, but that's largely because any points she would have earned at Wimbledon, where she reached the quarterfinals, were not accrued as the tournament field excluded Russian and Belarusian players.

Williams most definitely still has game, covering the court Friday from the first toss of her serve to the final forehand into the net, still beating back those match points as the clock passed three hours.

And she obviously still has drawing power, her announcement in the weeks leading up to the tournament that this would likely be her final Grand Slam changing the entire dynamic of the event, spawning video tributes on opening night, lengthy introductions complete with more video tributes for each match, a sold out stadium for her singles matches and doubles match too, which she played alongside Venus.

She proved herself up to the task, shimmering her way into our hearts once again.

She used her voice, on the court with the familiar guttural grunts and yells of "come on" she has always used to will herself forward. She leaves that voice behind, too, resonating in the players of the next generation. Those who felt empowered, who felt seen, who felt represented when they watched her.

She used her power, on the court in those 100-m.p.h. serves and overhead slams, those running cross-court winners from the baseline or daring drop shots and volleys at the net. But off it too, where her face is now reflected in others, where young American Coco Gauff plays on as Williams exits, bolstered in confidence by the path Williams laid.

Just listen to Gauff at a microphone, her 18-year-old self speaking words wise beyond her years.

"I feel like Serena taught me that," Gauff said earlier this week. "She never settled for less. I can't remember a moment in her career or life that she settled for less. As a person, I'm growing into being an adult and learning how to handle things now with the media and tennis and everything, I'm trying to learn to not settle for less."

She leaves her imprint, her impact, on not simply one sport made better by her, but all sports made better for women.

"I think she's changed the sport, tennis, but also what she's done worldwide for women in sports is incredible," Tomljanovic said. "She's paved the way for so many, inspired me to go for my dreams."

In this moment, Tomljanovic's dream lives on at the expense of Williams's, just as it should in the way of sports. The Serena Open is over, but the Serena world is just beginning.

"Clearly I'm still capable," she said, "but it takes a lot more than that. I'm ready to, like, be a mom, explore a different version of Serena."

"I have such a bright future ahead of me."

Tara Sullivan is a Globe columnist.



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Serena Williams exited the stage with 23 Grand Slam singles titles and 14 major doubles titles.

Meyers, Jones can connect

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"We know he's the guy now. Like I said, new offense, but at the end of the day, we all know we're trying to get on his page.

"He's definitely taking authority. His leadership has been crazy this year. He's always in the building. He knows what he wants. It's been helpful for us. So we're trying to make sure we're there for him."

Much has been made about New England's new streamlined offense, which is being installed to get the ball in the playmakers' hands quicker. Meyers acknowledged earlier in camp that he struggled some to find his role in the new scheme but he now feels comfortable.

"It's completely different now," he said. "I've been in it, made my mistakes, and learned from them. Now I feel like I'm on the right page. I understand what the coaches are thinking and I understand what Mac is thinking."

Meyers's thoughts are similar to those expressed by Jones, who also believes the offense has corrected a lot of the problems and inconsistencies that were evident in camp practices and during the starters' seven preseason-game series. Now, according to the QB, it's about perfecting what they've learned with crisp reps in practice.

"I think we've ironed out a lot of things, and it's good that they're happening now," Jones said. "I feel confident in what we're doing. We just have to go out there and do it for 60 minutes, and that's just play by play."

"Obviously during practice, same thing, play by play, go out there and execute it, and once you turn on the game film and you look back and there's 45-50 good plays, then hopefully you come out on top."

"But that's more about executing it and doing your job individually. If we all do that, 11 guys do it close to right every play, then you'll have a good play."

The Patriots converted nearly \$8 million of tight end Jonnu Smith's base salary into a signing bonus, creating \$5.3 million in much-needed salary-cap space, according to a league source ... The players have Saturday and Sunday off and will return Monday. They will travel to South Florida Tuesday and practice Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to get acclimated to the tropical heat and humidity that surely await for the Sept. 11 opener against the Dolphins.

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Celtics lose Gallinari

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ton revealed the ACL tear.

In July, the Celtics signed the forward to a two-year, \$13.3 million deal, and they were expecting him to provide scoring pop off the bench. Last year the 6-foot-10-inch forward averaged 11.7 points and 4.7 rebounds for the Hawks, and he presents challenges for defenses with his ability to stretch the floor with his 3-point shooting.

Now, the Celtics' bench depth will take a significant hit. A league source said that second-year forward Sam Hauser, a 6-8 sharpshooter, will have an opportunity to grab a spot in the regular rotation with Gallinari out.

Forward Grant Williams, who emerged as a dependable defender and 3-point shooter, will likely have his role increased too.

The Celtics still have two open roster spots, and they will likely make further tweaks to account for Gallinari's absence. They are expected to first see how things unfold at training camp, where veteran frontcourt players such as Noah Vonleh, Bruno Caboclo, Luke Kornet and Mfiondu Kabengele will battle for opportunities.

A league source said the Celtics will likely apply for a disabled player exception. If approved, they would be able to sign a player to a one-year deal worth approximately \$3.2 million, or acquire one via trade. But that second option is unlikely because the Celtics still have two traded-player exceptions for larger amounts.

The Celtics are scheduled to open training camp Sept. 27, and they will open the regular season against the 76ers Oct. 18.

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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Conquering the climb

Hill workouts elevate Burlington to contender

By Ethan Fuller
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The home course for the Burlington cross-county teams includes one massive hill on Sunset Drive just beyond the high school.

For the 25 members of the boys' squad, the road to a successful season begins by conquering that hill.

"I think that's what gets us strong for meets at Wrentham [Developmental Center] and stuff," said senior **Rithikh Prakash**. "Working on this [hill], it just really helps."

The Red Devils spent Thursday afternoon running up and down Sunset Drive in 30-to-60-second spurts before heading into the school for a lift session.

Even as their legs and lungs strained, the runners radiated energy as they prepare to chase a Division 2 championship. Coach **Matt Carr** is excited to see how they used the summer to train.

"I sort of have the belief that cross-country is the perfect example to demonstrate your own motivation," he said.

"All you have to do is go out and run during the summer. You don't need to be a part of a camp; I don't need to be demanding of you. If you want to do the work, you'll do the work."

Burlington finished second at the All-State meet last season behind Middlesex League rival Wakefield. But the Red Devils have their top three runners — Prakash, **Eric Sekyaya** and **Patrick Gray** — back for their senior seasons, making them a front-runner to swipe the crown.

Leading the pack is Prakash, the Globe's 2021 Division 2 Runner of the Year. Prakash battled a stress fracture in his shin during the indoor season and minor flare-ups during the summer, but is now healthy. He spent hours aqua-jogging in the pool at the Reading YMCA to keep himself engaged while managing the injury.

"It's really just mental, because going to the pool every day, mostly by yourself . . . it's really annoying, especially when you can't play music at the YMCA," Prakash said. "But [I was] just trying to stay dedicated, remember what the goal is [and] work on that."

Prakash placed third at the Division 2 state championships last fall (15:56.8 5K) and Sekyaya was fifth (16:02.7). The two share a friendly rivalry that involves pursuing another goal: Burlington's 5K home course record.

Sekyaya briefly held the junior record last year before Prakash stole it a week later with a 15:39.

The overall record is held by Prakash's older brother, **Rishabh Prakash**, at 15:31. Neither runner believes that record will last long.

"We were already right there as juniors, and we just got that much better over the summer

and in our training now, so I would say it's [by] the first home meet," Sekyaya said. The Red Devils have added fire for Wakefield, which they beat in the Division 2B state qualifier before faltering at All-States. Both teams should be among the favorites again this season.

"Especially now, given that we're all returning, it's like we have some unfinished business and we want to get things done," Sekyaya said.

Carr believes his runners have the physical gifts to reach their individual and team goals. He says that mastering the mentality of competitive

cross-country is the real challenge, but it's one that has fascinated him since he first started running in 1984.

"Certainly in this sport, the biggest barrier isn't physiological — it's psychological," Carr said. "I told my body and brain to do something and it wouldn't do it. And that hooked me."

■ The road to a Division 1 championship once again travels through St. John's Prep. The Eagles have won the last two state titles (2019 and 2021), and return six of their top eight.

Nathan Lopez has spearheaded that success. Now a senior, the three-time Globe All-Scholastic hopes to find one more gear as he competes with the state's best.

"He's very highly motivated," coach **John Boyle** said.

Lopez has formed a competitive rivalry with several of the state's best, such as **Sam Burgess** (Framingham) and **Aidan Ross** (Uxbridge). Boyle says there's no animosity between the elite runners, and that social media has helped them form a healthy friendship.

"One of the nice things about our sport is: Those kids compete against each other fiercely, but they're also good friends," he said.

"They know each other not just through competition — sometimes they'll get together for training runs together. They're Instagramming with each other, they know each other's level of fitness [and] they know what they're getting ready for. So it's serious competition, but there's camaraderie too among distance runners."

■ Oliver Ames graduated its top runner in All-Scholastic **Owen McMorrow**, but the Tigers return most of their supporting cast and are poised to make noise again in the Division 1 title race.

Leading this year's pack is senior **Ryan Sarney**, who won the 2-mile event at the MIAA Division 3 championships last spring in 9:26.3.

"Ryan is looking really really strong right now. He's coming off a

great track season . . . he definitely looks really fit right now," coach **Kyle Sousa** said.

Sarney has senior **Aidan Dupil** and junior **Brendan Thomas** backing him up. After finishing fourth at D1 All-States in 2021, Oliver Ames is poised to contend again, though Sousa won't look too far ahead yet.

"Right now, it's all kind of in house. We don't really worry too much about how we stack up this early in the season," he said.

SportsLog

College Football Playoff to expand to 12

The university presidents who oversee the College Football Playoff voted Friday to expand the postseason model for determining a national champion from four to 12 teams no later than the 2026 season. A person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press that the presidents would like to have the new format in place as soon as the 2024 season. A process that started 14½ months ago with an optimistic rollout of an ambitious plan, and then was derailed as conference leaders haggled over details and questioned each other's motivations, is now moving forward. The presidents approved the original 12-team proposal that called for the six highest-ranked conference champions and six at-large picks, as determined by a selection committee, to make the playoff. The top four seeds would be conference champions and receive byes into the second round. First-round games would be played on campus and the rest at bowl sites.

GOLF

Li takes two-shot PGA lead

Lucy Li had five birdies in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine and kept bogeys off her card the rest of the way for a 7-under-par 64 that gave her a two-shot lead in the Dana Open in Sylvania, Ohio. Another 19-year-old, Chinese rookie **Ruoning Yin**, and **Carlota Ciganda** each had a 69 to trail Li going into the weekend at Highland Meadow. Li was at 10-under 132.

BASKETBALL

Bueckers plans to return

Paige Bueckers intends to play basketball in the 2023-24 season for Connecticut after recovering from an ACL injury that's sidelined her this season. Speaking on campus for the first time since being hurt, Bueckers was adamant in saying she will not enter the 2023 WNBA Draft and will return to play college ball. "I'm not leaving.

That is not in question," the 21-year-old Bueckers said.

Titans put LB Landry on IR

The Tennessee Titans placed Pro Bowl linebacker **Harold Landry III** on injured reserve. The Titans did not cite a reason for Landry going on IR. A person with direct knowledge of the injury confirmed reports that Landry tore an ACL in practice Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Titans have not commented on the nature of Landry's injury. Tennessee also claimed outside linebacker **Derek Tuszka**. The 6-foot-4-inch, 251-pound Tuszka has played in 24 games combined with Denver in 2020 and Pittsburgh in 2021. He had two sacks and a forced fumble with the Steelers last season.

MISCELLANY

Boxer Shavers dead at 78

Earnie Shavers, whose thunderous punches stopped 68 fighters and earned him heavyweight title fights with **Muhammad Ali** and **Larry Holmes**, has died. He was 78. Former British boxer and close friend **Kenny Rainford** told AP in a telephone call from Liverpool, England, that his close friend died Thursday in Virginia at the home of one of his daughters . . . The Vancouver Canucks signed forward **J.T. Miller** to a seven-year, \$56 million contract. Miller, 29, was Vancouver's leading scorer last season with 99 points . . . **Jarren Duran** hit his first home run since returning to Triple A, but the Worcester Red Sox (65-62) fell to the Buffalo Bisons (66-60) at Polar Park, 10-8 . . . **Thaddeus Ward** tied a career-high with 10 strikeouts as the Portland Sea Dogs (64-60, 34-21) won an extra-innings thriller over the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (52-72, 21-34), 5-4, at Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, N.H. . . . The Washington Spirit named **Albertin Montoya** interim coach for the remainder of the NWSL season.

Soccer

MLS									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
	GP	W	D	L	Pts.				
Philadelphia	28	15	4	9	57				
CF Montreal	28	15	4	9	49				
NY Red Bulls	29	13	8	8	47				
NYCFC	28	13	6	9	45				
Orlando	28	12	6	10	42				
Columbus	27	9	12	6	36				
Inter Miami CF	28	10	6	12	36				
FC Cincinnati	27	8	11	8	35				
New England	28	8	11	9	35				
Toronto FC	28	9	7	13	34				
Atlanta	28	8	9	11	33				
Charlotte FC	28	10	2	16	32				
Chicago	28	8	7	13	31				
D.C. United	28	8	7	13	25				

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
	GP	W	D	L	Pts.				
LAFc	28	18	3	7	57				
Austin	28	15	6	7	51				
Minnesota	28	13	5	10	44				
FC Dallas	28	11	10	8	43				
Nashville SC	29	11	9	9	42				
Real Salt Lake	28	11	9	8	42				
Portland	29	9	12	8	39				
LA Galaxy	27	11	5	11	38				
Vancouver	28	9	7	12	34				
Seattle	28	10	3	15	33				
Colorado	28	8	8	12	32				
Houston	28	8	5	15	29				
San Jose	28	8	5	15	29				
San Jose	27	6	12	12	27				

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FC Dallas at Minnesota	3:30								
Chicago at Columbus	5:10								
Philadelphia at NY Red Bulls	7:30								
Charlotte FC at FC Cincinnati	7:30								
Austin at Nashville SC	8:30								
Portland at Atlanta	5:30								

SUNDAY'S GAMES									
Portland at Atlanta	5:30								
NWSL									
	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA			
San Diego	9	5	4	31	26	15			
Houston	8	5	5	29	31	23			
Kansas City	8	4	5	29	24	23			
Portland	8	3	7	28	37	20			
OL Reign	7	4	6	27	22	16			
Chicago	7	5	5	26	26	22			
Angel City	7	5	4	25	19	18			
Orlando	5	6	21	20	43	3			
North Carolina	4	7	4	16	32	30			
Louisville	2	7	8	14	16	26			
Washington	1	6	10	13	18	23			
Gotham FC	4	12	0	12	13	35			

PREMIER LEAGUE									
	GP	W	D	L	Pts.				
Arsenal	5	5	0	0	15				
Manchester City	5	4	1	0	13				
Tottenham	5	3	2	0	11				
Brighton	5	3	1	1	10				
Manchester United	5	2	2	1	8				
Liverpool	5	2	2	1	8				
Leeds United	5	2	2	1	8				
Fulham	5	2	2	1	8				
Southampton	5	2	1	2	7				
Chelsea	5	1	3	1	6				
Brentford	5	1	3	1	6				
Newcastle	5	1	3	1	6				
Crystal Palace	5	1	2	2	5				
West Ham	5	1	2	2	5				
Ntingham Forest	5	1	1	3	4				
Bournemouth	5	1	1	3	4				
Everton	5	0	3	2	3				
Wolverhampton	5	0	3	2	3				
Aston Villa	5	1	0	4	3				
Leicester City	5	0	1	4	1				

SATURDAY'S GAMES									
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Crystal Palace at Newham	10a								
Fulham at Tottenham	10a								
Bournemouth at Nottingham Forest	10a								
Southampton at Wolverhampton	10a								
Leeds United at Brentford	10a								
West Ham at Chelsea	10a								
Manchester City at Aston Villa	12:30p								
SUNDAY'S GAMES									
Brighton at Leicester	9am								

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West Chester 17	Bentley 16							
COMMONWEALTH COAST									
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Nichols 30	Westfield St. 29							
Springfield 42	Western N.E. 14							
ECFC									
Fitchburg St. 33	Dean 28							
MASCAC									
WPI 58	Worcester St. 21							
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Holy Cross 31	Merrimack 17							
MIDWEST									
E. Michigan 42	Eastern Ky. 34							
Kansas 56	Tennessee Tech 10							
Michigan St. 35	W. Michigan 13							
Indiana 23	Illinois 20							

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With hopes high, BC will kick it off vs. Rutgers

By Trevor Hass
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Year 3 of the Jeff Hafley Era is about to get under way, and there's a chance it could be a momentous football season in Chestnut Hill.

Boston College is set to host Rutgers Saturday at noon at Alumni Stadium. The Eagles, who have won 11 straight in the series and lead it, 20-6-1 overall, are favored by 6½ points.

Oddsmakers slot the Eagles at 6.5 wins for the season, and members of the media picked them to finish sixth in the Atlantic Division of the ACC. Reaching eight wins for the first time since 2009 is a realistic goal, and they have the potential to emerge as dark-horse contenders in the conference.

BC returns quarterback Phil Jurkovec, wide receiver Zay Flowers, running back Pat Garwo, a deep secondary, and an improved linebacking corps. The offensive line, defensive line, and overall depth could be X-factors.

Here are five story lines to follow as the season begins.

1. They'll be tested early.

The Eagles are 6-0 in September under Hafley. They beat Duke and Texas State in 2020 and cruised past Colgate, UMass, and Temple last fall before outlasting Missouri in an overtime thriller in Week 4.

Their September schedule could be tougher this season, starting with Saturday's game against a Big Ten foe.

"The playbook is open," Hafley said. "This isn't go out and save anything. This is go out and try to beat a really good opponent. We will run whatever we have to do to win the game."

Early matchups at Virginia Tech and Florida State also will give a glimpse into how this team could fare long-term. The Eagles should easily win at home against Maine, but every other game could go either way.

After that, a grueling three-game stretch against Louisville, Clemson, and Wake Forest awaits.

2. They have plenty of offensive firepower.

BC is the only ACC team to return a quarterback with 3,000 passing yards, a running back with 1,000 rushing yards,

and a wide receiver with 1,000 receiving yards.

Jurkovec, Flowers, and Garwo form one of the more dangerous trios in the conference and are poised to take another leap. After missing half of last season with a hand injury, Jurkovec is healthy and feeling like himself again.

With Jaelen Gill and Jaden Williams contributing at wide receiver, and Notre Dame transfer George Takacs in the mix at tight end, the Eagles have a chance to flourish in first-year offensive coordinator John McNulty's system.

3. The offensive line features promising local talent.

The projected offensive line is Norwell's Ozzy Trapilo (LT), Acton's Finn Dirstine (LG), Norwell's Drew Kendall (C), Kevin Cline (RG), and Jack Conley (RT).

It's a relatively young and inexperienced unit, particularly with standout guard Christian Mahogany (ACL) sidelined, but one brimming with potential. Kendall, Trapilo, and Dirstine are among the better players to come from Massachusetts in the last 5-10 years,

and they all have a prime opportunity in front of them.

Dave DeGuglielmo, who spent time on the Patriots staff in the 2010s, will coach the line. Hafley acknowledged it may not "look perfect" right away, but he sees significant progress already and expects the trend to continue.

4. Their defense has improved significantly.

The Eagles allowed the third-fewest passing yards per game in the country last season (173.5) and had the No. 31 scoring defense at 22.2 points per game.

They ranked 125th in total defense in 2019, but they improved 97 spots to 28th in 2021 — the second-biggest jump in the country.

With Josh DeBerry (DB), Jalen Cheek (CB), CJ Burton (CB), Jaiden Woodbey (SS), Jason Maitre (FS), and Elijah Jones (CB), among others, in the equation, they feel poised to continue that momentum.

"We've got a different edge about us," said Maitre, a former Everett star.

Vinny DePalma, Kam Arnold, Bryce Steele, and Jaylen Blackwell lead the

way at linebacker, and Marcus Valdez (LE), Chibueze Onwuka (NT), Cam Horsley (DT), Shitta Sillah (RE), and Donovan Ezeiruaku (RE) will contribute on the defensive line.

5. They hope this will be a pivotal season.

BC finished 6-6 last season, 6-5 the year before, and is 56-56 since 2013.

The Eagles haven't beaten an Associated Press-ranked opponent since 2014 and haven't been ranked themselves since 2018 — their only time since 2008.

They're 0-7 against ranked opponents under Hafley but will have opportunities to take one down this season. Clemson, Wake Forest, North Carolina State, and Notre Dame could all be in the top 25.

Expectations aren't high on the outside, but the Eagles don't mind. DeBerry wasn't surprised when he saw they were picked sixth in the preseason poll.

He believes this team has a chance to change the culture for years to come.

"We know we're better than that," DeBerry said. "It's all about showing the country what we have."

Helmet shortage has high school teams 'stuck in a bind'

By Nate Weitzer
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During the final week before the high school football season, a familiar scene takes place outside Attleboro High.

Athletes on the freshman team are practicing with off-color helmets and other mismatched gear because of a nationwide shortage of football equipment.

After years of declining participation, followed by a sharp drop in numbers during the early stages of the pandemic, football programs have been seeing a dramatic rise in turnout.

Now, equipment companies such as Riddell and Schutt are trying to keep up with increased demand while dealing with pervasive supply-chain issues.

On July 28, Riddell issued a statement to address the shortage and announce the company won't be able to take on any more orders.

"Riddell has worked diligently to both meet the increased marketplace demand and prioritize existing custom-

ers' needs," the statement read. The company said it will ship 10 percent more total helmet units, including 20 percent more youth helmet units compared with 2019.

"Most new helmets and shoulder pads in our backlog will ship by the end of August, with the remainder following shortly after in September."

Athletic directors who requested inventory in the spring or early summer have been forced to get creative while waiting on backlogged orders. Attleboro AD Mark Houle said he expected about 110 kids to try out for football, but that estimate was too low.

"It was the amount of bounce back that we weren't necessarily prepared for," said Houle. "We thought 110 was a good number, but we got over 130, which is great for Attleboro football. So we've been working with other athletic directors and connections to find the right size helmets, regardless of color, to fit the kids safely."

Dual County League rivals Wayland and Lincoln-Sudbury have even been

willing to swap or share surplus helmets so each player has the right size.

Wayland coach Scott Parseghian secured about 20 helmets from Nichols College — where his son, Dante, plays defensive line — and another dozen from the Wayland youth program. Once his freshman team was fully outfitted, he shared 10 helmets with L-S.

"Helping each other out is the priority," said Parseghian. "It's all about kids playing. It doesn't matter if it's a rival, everyone's just trying to get creative and work together to figure out this problem."

The shortage doesn't just pertain to helmets. There are all sorts of components (chinstraps, buckles) that need to be replaced between seasons, in addition to shortages of shoulder and knee pads.

"We have helmets we haven't gotten back to working order and we have limited shoulder pads, so we've had to borrow from other programs and delve into the reserves," said Franklin coach Eian Bain. "It's been stressful, but every-

body's going through it, and I think we'd all agree it's a good problem to have."

Yet some non-varsity scrimmages already have been cancelled, and the issue doesn't seem like it will be resolved when the season kicks off, which might force some programs to cut the size of their freshman programs.

Lawrence coach Rhandy Audate and his staff have been fixing helmets with parts from Ace Hardware, still waiting on a repair kit they ordered in 2020.

Audate said his program can only produce 23 working helmets for the freshmen team, and three of those must be kept in reserve to prepare for when others break down. Unless another program is able to help the Lancers, only 20 freshmen will make the roster and see some action with the JV squad this year.

"We're really stuck in a bind," said Audate. "We'll double check with our supplier to make sure nothing is coming. But it's unfortunate, there's nothing we can do."

The freshmen season was also in

jeopardy at nearby North Andover, when second-year athletic director Steven Nugent sent an e-mail to other schools asking for helmets. The Scarlet Knights are still waiting on an order for 24 helmets that was placed in March, and need at least 15 helmets to field a team. Nugent said he got a call back from two schools that were able to loan 23 helmets.

While he dealt with plenty of hurdles during the 2021-22 school year, this challenge nearly left Nugent despondent.

"We had transportation issues in the fall along with some COVID protocols," said Nugent. "I'll take that all day long versus having to face a family to tell them their kid can't play because we don't have enough helmets. This is probably the most critical problem I've had to deal with in my early tenure."

"I don't know that anybody has the budget to stay in front of this thing so far. I'll try to figure out how we can keep this from happening in the future. Maybe we'll order 48 helmets next year."

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Of Dedham, MA, formerly of Oceanside, NY and Brookline, MA, on September 1, 2022 at the age of 78. Beloved daughter of the late Gerard A. and Anna L. Wingersky. Beloved wife of the late Bertram Abbey. Loving sister of Lisa H. Gilman and her husband, Abbot. Loving aunt of Andrew D. Gilman and his wife, Stacy Gilman and Amy M. Grodin and her husband, Joshua L. Grodin. Loving great aunt of Zoe and Gabe Gilman and Max, Sophie, and Hailey Grodin.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, September 4th at 11:45 AM at Sharon Memorial Park, 40 Dedham Street, Sharon, MA 02067.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Roberta may be made to Samaritan Village, Attention: Foundation, 138-02 Queens Blvd., Briarwood, NY 11435 or Jewish War Veterans Pfc M. Chwatski-Sgt.W.Farber Post 717, Oceanside NY 11572.

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HOFFMAN, John C. “Jack”



Of Lexington, September 1, 2022. Beloved husband of Stephanie Briggs-Hoffmann. Son-in-law of William Briggs and his wife Marilyn and Elizabeth Baker and her husband Gerald. Brother of Richard Hoffmann and the late Christine and Karen. Brother-in-law of Erica Tropeano and her husband Gino and Heidi Jette and her husband Roger. Step-brother of Alex Denton. He was also the devoted uncle of Greg Feeley, Sean Feeley, Haley Perry, Oliver Perry, Julia Jette, Jordan Jette, Cole Jette, Jennifer Hale, Linda Valderi, Jonathan Hoffmann, and Kaitlyn Hoffmann

Jack was a CPA, he loved building stone walls and above all spending time with his family.

Funeral from the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd., LEXINGTON, Monday, September 5 at 10am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Eulalia Church, 50 Ridge St., Winchester, at 11am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting Hours Sunday from 3pm to 6pm. Donations in his memory may be made to Heaps of Hope, Inc., C/O Holly J. Walton, Matrix Financial LLC, 60 Walnut St., Wellesley, MA 02481 or to the Alzheimer’s Association. Interment private.



McCARTY, Michael



FALMOUTH- Passed away suddenly on August 30, 2022. Michael was born on August 2, 1977, in Whitman, Massachusetts, to Joseph W. and the late Marie McCarthy. Michael was the proud father of Molly, who he shared with his former wife Trish Cullinan. Molly was the light of his life and he treasured his time with her. He was loved by his parents, siblings, and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. In addition to his daughter Molly, he is survived by his loving father Joseph W. McCarthy of North Falmouth; and siblings, John (Andrea) of Falmouth, Sheila (Peter Leddy) of Milton, Courtney (Stephen Affanato) of Milton and Meaghan of Boston. He was predeceased by his mother Marie; and sister, Kara Louise. He was also a loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews and will be missed by countless friends and his extended family.

Visiting Hours will be held from 3-6 PM on Monday, September 5, 2022, at Chapman Funerals and Cremations, 584 West Falmouth Highway (Rt. 28A), WEST FALMOUTH. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at St. Elizabeth Seton, 481 Quaker Rd., North Falmouth. The Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Every Child Fund at Boston Children’s Hospital or the Ryan Richards Foundation.

For full obituary, visit www.chapmanfuneral.com

PEPI, Robert E.



Age 89, a longtime resident of Framingham, died peacefully on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. Born in Boston, he was the beloved husband of 44 years to Maria (Hackett) Pepi. Family and friends will honor and remember Robert’s life by gathering for Visiting Hours in the McCarthy, McKinney & Lawler Funeral Home, 11 Lincoln St., FRAMINGHAM, on Wednesday, September 7, from 4-8PM. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. George Church, 74 School St., Saxonville, Thursday morning at 10AM. Interment will follow in Edgell Grove Cemetery. For a complete obituary, kindly visit www.mccarthyfh.com

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Zipcar sees a spike in usage during moving week

Rentals up 20 percent; many new members join under ‘university plan’

By Collin Robisheaux
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

As over 60 percent of Boston’s leases turned over on Sept. 1, people were scrambling for transportation to help them move. That benefited car-rental service Zipcar, which saw a spike in new registrations and car rentals.

Zipcar, founded in Cambridge and now owned by Avis Budget Group, said usage was up about 20 percent this week compared to previous weeks. Of the recent new accounts in Boston, about 20 percent of members are on a “university plan,” an indication that many college students turned to Zipcar to help move their belongings. (The university plan allows students to sign up for a discounted annual membership and rent cars for an hourly or daily fee.)

“We see Zipcar as a very popular use case for moving, which is exactly what’s happening this weekend,” said Justin Holmes, head of marketing and public policy at Zipcar. “A lot of the demand that we’re seeing is driven by the moves happening in Boston this week.”

Morgan Boyd, a local college student, was moving to Brookline this week. Boyd and one of her roommates turned to Zipcar to purchase and move furniture and other items into their new apartment on Thursday.

“We tried to go the U-Haul route a couple of weeks ago, but they were all booked,” Boyd said. “We’re going to IKEA to pick up a bed and a dresser for each of us. I think we’re going to Target, too. So having a car for that is pretty essential.”

The standard Zipcar plan only offers rental services to people over the age of 21. However, Zipcar does allow for under-21 students at select universities — Boston University, Harvard, MIT, Tufts, and Northeastern, to name a few — to use Zipcars. Holmes said about a third of Zipcar’s members nationwide are enrolled through universities.

Local U-Haul pickup and moving trucks have been booked out for weeks on the company’s website. And according to Boyd, people without cars or trucks were moving their belongings the old-fashioned way.

“I’ve seen people walking things, carrying chairs, and even bookshelves today, just walking across Newbury Street,” Boyd said.

Zipcar said the flexibility of being able to rent a car for just a few hours, as well as the different types of available cars, could be factors behind the bump in moving-day rentals.

“We provide a very wide variety of makes and models of vehicles,” Holmes said. “And, you know, Storrow Drive is a pretty significant choking point for a lot of big trucks that our cars easily slide under. So that’s a nice benefit.”

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About three dozen vendors set up tents and sell inexpensive produce each Friday and Saturday at Haymarket.

Old Boston collides with new in dispute at Haymarket

By Collin Robisheaux
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

It’s Friday morning, just after sunrise, and Otto Gallotto already has a lot on his plate. He organizes his brightly colored produce into baskets on a plastic table, calls out questions to neighboring vendors, and sets up big blue tents that flank the sidewalks along Blackstone Street.

Nearly every Friday for over 20 years has started that way for Gallotto, the president of the Haymarket Pushcart Association and a vendor at the historic downtown produce market.

“See here! Look at this, you’ll want to see this,” Gallotto said, gesturing to a parking sticker on the windshield of his car that reads “Haymarket Pushcart Association, established 1820.” “We’ve been here forever, you know. It’s historic.”

Sandwiched between Boston’s North End and Faneuil Hall, Haymarket has been a downtown fixture for centuries, with about three dozen vendors popping up tents and selling inexpensive produce from dawn to dusk every Friday and Saturday.

But like so much of Boston even Blackstone Street is changing, and now Gallotto and his fellow vendors face a dilemma: finding storage for the vast quantity of tents, tables, pallets, and supplies their market needs to operate.

Vendors, hotel in a standoff over storing tents and tables on the sidewalk

In March, a new hotel opened on a long-empty lot where Haymarket vendors had stored their supplies in the past. When plans were going through city permitting, developers of the hotel — The Canopy by Hilton Boston Downtown — agreed to provide 1,600 square feet of ground floor storage space to the Pushcart Association, and to let vendors use

can’t sell they have to pack it all back into their cars and drive it home,” Gallotto said. “I went out and rented a storage container to put some of our tents in to make space. And when it’s Saturday and we break down, it’s just not enough.”

Vendors have been storing supplies on the sidewalk from the time the market closes on Saturday until



‘When winter comes it will be even more of a headache.’

RIENG KIM, (left) vendor at Haymarket

the hotel’s trash services. While the hotel and market are still honoring this agreement, Gallotto says it’s not enough space to store all of the market’s supplies.

“We have the pallets, we have all of these tents, and whatever people

it reopens the following week. The hotel took exception with that, issuing a notice of default, Gallotto said, and asking vendors to find an alternative within 30 days.

Gallotto said on Friday afternoon that the hotel had reached out for

mediation, and the two sides are expected to meet to discuss a solution in mid-September.

The hotel and its developer declined interview requests, but in a statement the hotel said it “recognizes from the outset the historic role that the Haymarket vendors (organized via the Haymarket Pushcart Association) play as a resource to our community,” and they aim to co-exist.

“We met regularly with the Haymarket vendors throughout the development process to ensure they had the tools they needed to thrive,” the statement said. “We remain open to collaborating further with the vendors to help them maximize the space we have provided in our building for their use. However, storing extra materials on our property (outside of their storage facility) raises several operational, health and safety concerns.”

Still, it’s the sort of collision that can seem almost unavoidable in a crowded, fast-changing city.

And as word has spread of the situation, there’s growing concern that Haymarket could be “squeezed out,” as the vendors put it, by the new hotel. Roughly 800 people have signed an online petition supporting the market — which, with its exceptionally low prices on produce, has long served as a lifeline to many lower-income Bostonians.

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FDA still skeptical of ALS drug ahead of high-stakes meeting

By Matthew Perrone
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal health regulators remain unconvinced about the benefits of a closely watched experimental drug for the debilitating illness known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, even as they prepare to give its drugmaker a rare second opportunity to make a public case for the treatment.

Amylyx Pharmaceuticals’ experimental drug has become a rallying cause for patients with the deadly neurodegenerative disease, their families, and members of Congress who are pushing the FDA to approve the drug.

But regulators said Friday that the drugmaker’s new analyses are not “sufficiently independent or persuasive” to establish its effectiveness. The agency posted its review ahead of a Wednesday meeting of its advisers, who will vote on whether to recommend approval.

Shares of Amylyx fell more than 23 percent Friday after the FDA posted its review.

In March, the same panel of neurological experts voted 6-4 that the company’s data failed to show a convincing benefit for ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. It’s extremely rare for the FDA to call a second review meeting after its advisers have already voted.

The FDA will ask the panel to review several new statistical analyses, which the company says strengthen the case



AMYLYX VIA AP

Amylyx cofounders Joshua Cohen (left) and Justin Klee.

that its drug prolongs life and delays hospitalization and other severe complications. The FDA says the experts can take into account “the unmet need in ALS,” the disease’s seriousness, and other factors specific to the terminal diseases.

ALS destroys nerve cells needed to walk, talk, swallow, and — eventually — breathe. There is no cure and most people die within three to five years.

The FDA’s review reflects some of the biggest questions facing the agency, in-

cluding: How strict should it be in enforcing approval standards for drugs against rare, fatal diseases? And how much weight, if any, should be given to outside appeals from patients, advocates, and their political allies?

Typically, FDA approval requires two large studies or one study with a “very persuasive” effect on survival.

Amylyx’s data comes from one small, mid-stage trial that showed some benefit in slowing the disease, but which was marred by missing data, implementa-

tion errors, and other problems, according to FDA reviewers.

Amylyx, which is based in Cambridge, says that follow-up data gathered after the study concluded shows the drug extended life. When the company followed patients who continued taking the drug, they survived about 10 months longer than patients who never took the drug, according to a new company analysis.

But FDA said Friday the new approach “suffers from the same interpretability challenges” as Amylyx’s initial study and that the new analysis “is not independent data.”

The FDA does not publicly explain its rationale for holding meetings. But some outside analysts believe the agency is hoping that more input will strengthen its hand when it renders its final decision, expected by the end of the month.

Amylyx’s drug is a combination of two older drug ingredients: a prescription medication for liver disorders and a dietary supplement associated with traditional Chinese medicine. The company has patented the combination and says the chemicals work together to shield cells from premature death. Its co-founders first hit upon the combination as Brown University students.

Some ALS patients already take both pills. FDA approval would likely compel insurers to cover the treatment.

The FDA will hear again from patients and advocacy groups, such as I AM ALS, which has lobbied the FDA and Congress for more than two years to make the drug available. The group’s founder, Brian Wallach, said ALS patients, physicians and researchers believe that the company’s data warrants approval.

“Patients do their homework— we know this isn’t going to cure us,” said Wallach, who was diagnosed with ALS in 2017 and spoke through an interpreter. “But we also know it might keep us here until the next drug comes along and that one might be a cure.”

Wallach currently takes the part of Amylyx’s treatment that is available as a dietary supplement.

Despite the negative review, there are several outside developments that could tip the FDA in the direction of approval.

In June, Canadian regulators approved the drug for ALS patients, the first country to do so. That decision puts FDA regulators in a “precarious position,” says bioethicist Holly Fernandez-Lynch.

“They typically like to be out ahead when making approval decisions,” said Fernandez-Lynch, who teaches at the University of Pennsylvania. “They like to make the argument that they are not a barrier to patients accessing things that might help them.”

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Wendy's-linked E. coli outbreak in more states

An outbreak of E. coli bacteria infections in the US linked to Wendy's has spread to New York and Kentucky, part of a group of six states where illnesses have now been discovered.

About 13 more cases were reported to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the agency said Thursday, bringing the number of those affected to 97 through the end of August. Some have had more severe outcomes, including 43 individuals who were hospitalized. Most of the illnesses have been in Michigan, with just one each in New York and Kentucky.

"The true number of sick people in this outbreak is likely higher than the number reported, and the outbreak may not be limited to the states with known illnesses," the CDC cautioned in its statement.

While the CDC hasn't confirmed a link to a specific food yet, many of those who became ill ate at Wendy's in the week prior. Wendy's has said it has removed sandwich lettuce from several hundred locations in the Midwest.

BLOOMBERG

Starbucks taps Reckitt CEO as its next chief

Starbucks tapped Laxman Narasimhan, chief executive officer of Reckitt Benckiser Group, as its next CEO, choosing a consumer-industry veteran to build on the new path charted by Howard Schultz.

Narasimhan, 55, will join the coffee giant Oct. 1 while long-time leader Schultz, 69, stays at the helm. The new chief will take over fully April 1 after an introductory period in which he'll learn about the company. At that point, Schultz will cede the top executive role but remain indefinitely as an adviser.

Before his stint at Reckitt, Narasimhan was an executive at global beverage titan PepsiCo.

BLOOMBERG

Clash of old and new at Haymarket

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"This means a lot to customers," said Frank Spinale, a 91-year-old shopper from Revere. He's been coming to Haymarket for 75 years. "The produce is always cheap money. It's a lot cheaper than supermarkets. It's a nice neighborhood where people can get some cheap food."

Vendor Rieng Kim has been working at the market since she was 18. She knows how the place works and believes the new setup will get even less convenient when there's snow and ice everywhere.

"When winter comes it will be even more of a headache," Kim said. "It's hard. It's making it harder for us to make a living, and it's two days."

One possible solution: another lot nearby, located at the corner of Creek Square and Blackstone Street, that Haymarket is using temporarily to keep stuff off the sidewalk. But the owner wants \$8,500 a month in rent for the full lot, Galotto said, and that's just prohibitive.

"He's also a businessman, know what I mean?" Galotto said. "So that's what it came down to. I thought we could get a third of the lot ... he didn't want to partake."

Despite the storage difficulties, Galotto says Haymarket has a solid relationship with the hotel and hopes that the two sides can come to a solution when they meet later this month.

"We've tried to be very accommodating, you know," Galotto said. "So when it comes to not having enough space, maybe somebody should help us find some way of making it a little bit simpler for us."

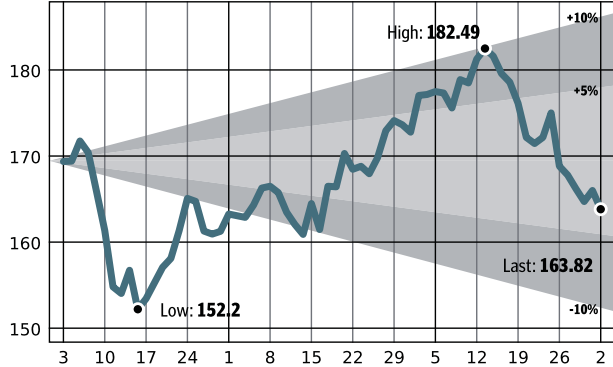
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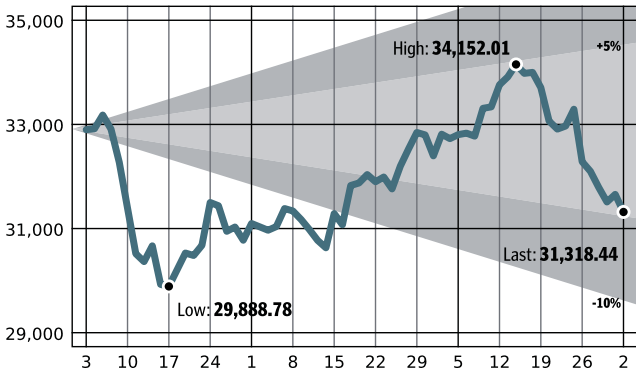
Markets

Third straight losing week for stocks

Stocks gave up an early rally and closed lower Friday, marking their third losing week in a row and extending Wall Street's late-summer slump. Major stock indexes initially climbed broadly following the government's latest job market report, which showed employers slowed their hiring in August. The report put traders in a buying mood, stoking cautious optimism that the Federal Reserve may not need to raise interest rates as aggressively in its ongoing bid to tame inflation. But the market reversed course by mid-afternoon, shedding all its gains. That left the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average 1.1% lower. The Nasdaq composite fell 1.3%. "The jobs report today was nice, but it was not enough to obviously sustain the rally," said Ross Mayfield, investment strategist at Baird. "The bar to clear is 'does this change the trajectory of the Fed?' And I don't know that this report is enough to say yes." In recent weeks, the market has wiped out much of the gains it made in July and early August as traders worried that the Fed would not let up anytime soon on raising interest rates to bring down the highest inflation in decades.

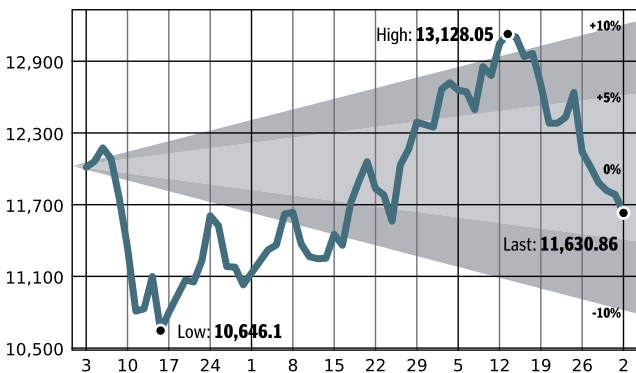
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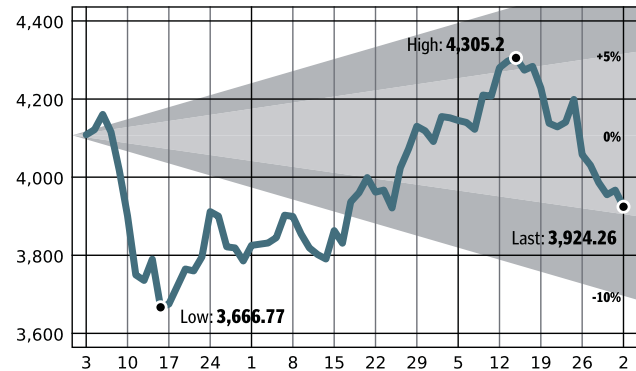
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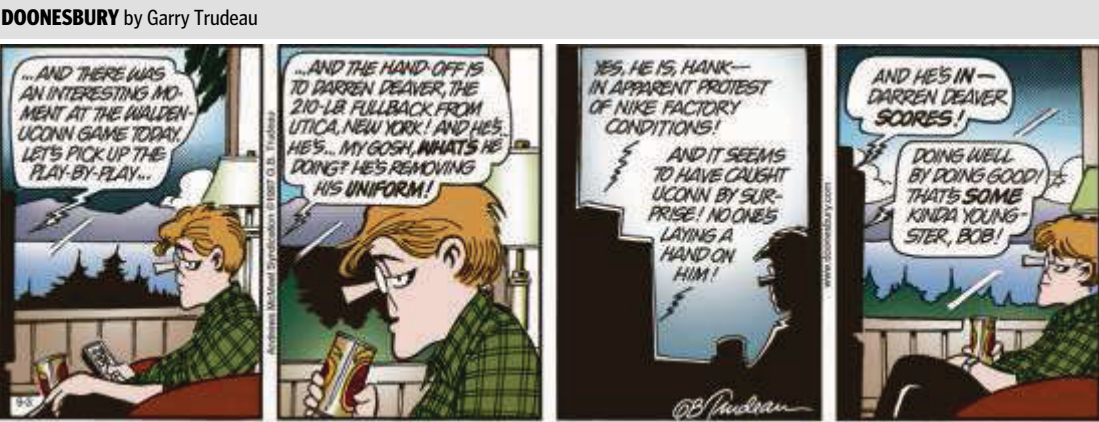
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UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

UNIVERSAL FREESTYLE 36 BY MALAIKA HANDA | EDITED BY AMANDA RAFKIN

ACROSS

1 "No ____, and or buts!"

4 Singles

8 Turn into a musical, say

13 College administrator

15 Catan or chess, e.g.

16 Michelin Man makeup

17 "Serial" genre

19 Parasite used in early medical procedures

20 Creative way to change your mind?

22 Artist Salvador who designed the Chupa Chups logo

23 Honking birds

24 "Get me out of here!"

26 Lightning McQueen, e.g.

27 Ave. crossers

28 Karaoke bar needs

32 Greatest

34 Hairstyle that can take 12 hours to do

36 Beyonce's alter ego

37 "I'll be right there!"

38 ____ diet (certain keto plan)

39 Egyptian snakes

40 Like ramen but not gazpacho

43 Shriek of fear

44 Shriek of pain

46 Work similar to a sung-through musical

48 Birdbath gunk

50 "Royalty" at many gay clubs

DOWN

1 Dog collar attachments

2 Animal bred to hunt rabbits

3 Browns

4 Beastly monster

5 Alternative to sugaring

6 Tennis star Raducanu

7 Oozes

8 City with the world's busiest airport: Abbr.

9 Ran out of battery

10 Phone number part

11 School period where you might play cone ball

12 Top worn in 11-Down

14 Pickleball dividers

18 Reactionary field?

21 "Oh, hey, sleepyhead!"

25 Begins

29 "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" protagonist Crane

30 Apt rhyme for "jam"

31 "Chef" actress Vergara

33 Cinderella's helpers

34 Pupusa dough

35 Storage boxes

36 Flatter

37 Snoopy's alias when wearing sunglasses

38 Get snuggly

40 Donkey's sound

41 Like rococo architecture

42 Sampled

45 Kati rolls and burritos, e.g.

47 Animals that might have their own Instagram accounts

49 Actor Smith who played The Doctor

51 Help With a crime

52 Feature of slasher films

53 Witty remark

55 "High Fidelity" actress Kravitz

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt 9-3-22

CLUE ACROSS

1. Windy

5. Insect stage

6. Essence

7. ____ apartment

CLUE DOWN

1. ____ whale

2. Hearing range

3. New ____

4. Cave

ANSWER

EZYBER

LVAAR

HTREA

DSUOTI

ANSWER

NEALBE

SHERATO

NAALDEZ

RTOGOT

TRIPLE BONUS

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: ____ edge

CLUE: Parallel

CLUE: Doing business

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the Bonus.

ANSWERS: 1A-Breezezy 5A-Lava 6A-Heart 7A-Studio 1D-Balzen 2D-Farshort 3D-Zeland 4D-Groto 5D-Leading 6D-Leading 7D-Leading

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Boston's forecast

TODAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 74-79
LOW 61-66

A comfortable start to the holiday weekend with a mixture of clouds and sunshine and seasonable warmth with high pressure in control.

SUNDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 81-86
LOW 63-68

Considerable cloudiness with a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Clouds and showers will remain in the area throughout much of the night.

MONDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 68-73
LOW 61-66

Mostly cloudy and humid and much cooler with a couple of showers and thunderstorms. Showers and thunderstorms will continue into the night.

TUESDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 70-75
LOW 61-66

Cloudy and remaining cool with a passing shower or two. Turning breezy in the afternoon. A little rain and drizzle persisting at night.

WEDNESDAY

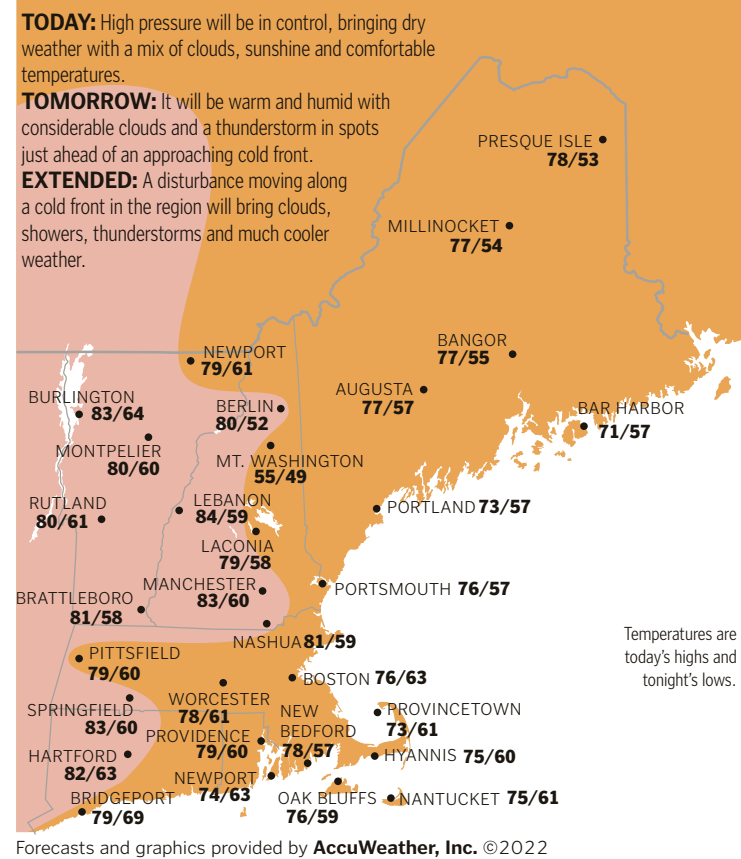
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 74-79
LOW 59-64

Rather cloudy but a few sunny breaks, especially later in the day. Turning slightly warmer as well. Turning out partly cloudy during the night.

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New England forecast



Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	68°/56°
Sunrise	6:11 a.m.
Sunset	7:15 p.m.
Moonrise	2:07 p.m.
Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)	
Weather	Mostly sunny
Visibility	130 miles
Wind	north at 16 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	50/32
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	0.0"

24 Hr. Precipitation	(valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)
Yesterday	0.00"
Precip days in September	0
Month to date	0.00"
Norm. month to date	0.21"
Year to date	17.93"
Norm. year to date	28.25"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides	A.M.	P.M.	High tides	A.M.	P.M.	High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	4:47	5:05	Gloucester	4:47	5:05	Hyannis Port	6:04	6:13
Height	9.1	10.3	Marblehead	4:47	5:05	Chatham	5:41	5:56
Boston low	10:54	11:37	Lynn	4:48	5:05	Wellfleet	5:01	5:19
Height	1.0	0.5	Scituate	4:52	5:12	Provincetown	4:55	5:14
High tides			Plymouth	5:03	5:24	Nantucket		
Old Orchard ME	4:31	4:49	Cape Cod			Harbor	6:04	6:16
Hampton			Canal East	4:42	5:03	Oak Bluffs	5:16	5:47
Beach NH	4:45	5:03	Cape Cod			New Bedford	1:24	1:55
Plum Island	5:10	5:31	Canal West			Newport RI	1:17	1:48
Ipswich	4:30	4:48	Falmouth	4:31	4:49			

New England marine forecast	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	SE 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	76/64
East Cape			
Cod Canal	E 6-12 kts.	1-2 ft.	76/59
Buzzards Bay	SE 4-8 kts.	1-2 ft.	76/59
For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org .			

	Today	Tomorrow		Today	Tomorrow
● Atlanta	84/72 T	82/70 T	● Los Angeles	99/77 S	102/75 S
● Atlantic City	82/65 S	86/68 Pc	● Miami	92/80 T	92/79 S
● Charlotte	90/70 T	86/68 T	● New Orleans	83/76 T	84/76 T
● Chicago	84/67 T	78/67 Pc	● New York City	81/70 S	86/70 T
● Dallas	91/73 T	92/73 T	● Philadelphia	90/71 Pc	89/72 T
● Denver	92/61 S	96/64 S	● Phoenix	107/86 S	108/87 S
● Detroit	88/68 T	78/65 Sh	● Salt Lake City	104/72 S	103/73 S
● Fort Myers	93/75 T	93/76 S	● San Francisco	77/57 Pc	80/59 S

	Today	Tomorrow		Today	Tomorrow
● Jerusalem	90/67 S	88/66 S	● Seattle	75/58 Sh	77/59 S
● London	75/62 T	73/63 C	● Washington	88/71 S	89/72 Pc
● Moscow	61/40 Pc	59/41 Pc	● Beijing	82/64 C	85/63 Pc
● Paris	76/58 T	83/63 Pc	● Cancun	90/74 T	90/73 S
● Rome	84/70 T	82/67 T	● Mexico City	71/58 Sh	71/56 R
● San Juan	87/79 C	89/78 Sh	● Montreal	83/59 S	64/56 Pc
● Stockholm	54/41 Pc	57/40 Pc	● Toronto	85/64 T	69/62 T
● Tokyo	82/74 C	85/76 Pc	● Vancouver	72/60 Pc	70/58 Pc

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022: People see you as confident, enthusiastic and a natural candidate for success. You are practical, inquisitive, and organized. You know what's going on. This year is the time to take stock. Let go of what is no longer working in your life or benefiting you. Time to move on!

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*) Don't get your belly in a rash with others today, especially about politics, religion, or racial issues, because it will be easy to do this! You feel feisty and quickly irritable. Many people feel this way today. Stay chill. Tonight: Be gentle.

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*) Make an effort to be understanding of others, because people are short-tempered today. You might encounter this when dealing with financial matters or discussing inheritances, taxes, debt, or anything that you own jointly with someone else. This might include shared responsibilities. Tonight: Be understanding.

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*) The Moon is opposite Mars in your sign, which creates an explosive energy. This is why a pleasant conversation might suddenly blow up in your face. This will affect family conversations, especially with a parent or an older family member. Stay mellow. Tonight: Study and learn.

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*) Be patient with co-workers or people you encounter through your work. Likewise, be patient with medical issues or anything to do with your pet or how people react to your pet. This is because today is the kind of day when arguments will easily break out. Tonight: Save money.

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*) Parents should be extra vigilant, because this could be an accident-prone day for their kids. However, it's also easy to be irritated with your kids because, in general, people are impatient today! Avoid lovers' quarrels. Tonight: Stay positive.

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*) Tread carefully. Even though the Sun is in your sign, which gives you charisma, power, and confidence, your dealings with parents and authority figures (including the police) could be challenging. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*) Something going on behind the scenes might rattle you. You might feel irritated with someone but feel you can't speak up. You are a people pleaser, and you don't like to rock the boat. Tomorrow is better. Tonight: No judgment.

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*) Quarrels about money or possessions might erupt. This could put you at odds with a friend or a member of a group. Whatever the case, people aren't going to back down. You probably feel the same way. Discuss these difficulties tomorrow. Tonight: Obey authority.

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*) The Moon is in your sign, which will make you a bit more emotional than usual. Keep this in mind if you are annoyed with someone. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Stay focused.

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*) Avoid controversial arguments today, because they will turn nasty very quickly. People are irritable and impatient. You might encounter this with co-workers. The smart thing is to sidestep these issues. Give tough situations a wide berth. Tomorrow is a better day. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*) Don't get caught up in arguments about shared property or shared expenses with friends, your kids, or a romantic partner. It's not worth it. Consider today a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Tomorrow these problems will be solved. Tonight: Listen.

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*) You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Meanwhile, people are easily irritated today, which is why you might suddenly be at each other's throats. Don't get caught up in this. Maintain your cool. Tonight: Cooperate.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART
South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ A 6 5
♥ A Q 6 5
♦ A Q 8 2
♣ Q 3

West
♠ 9 7
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 9 7 3
♣ J 10 9 8 4

East
♠ K 10 8
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ 10 6
♣ K 6 5 2

South
♠ Q J 4 3 2
♥ K 7
♦ K J 5 4
♣ A 7

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ J

“Simple Saturday” columns focus on improving basic technique and logical thinking.

You're declarer at today's six spades. Six diamonds might be a safe spot, but if the game is matchpoint duplicate, you want to play at the higher-scoring slam. West leads the jack of clubs: queen, king, ace. Before you try to draw trumps, you must ditch your club loser. You take the king, ace and queen of hearts, pitching your last club, and East-West follow suit. What next?

In real life, South ruffed a club and led the queen of trumps for a finesse. When East took the king and led the jack of hearts, South couldn't avoid a second trump loser. South's trump finesse couldn't gain (unless the defense was out to lunch) but could, and did, cost the slam. South must instead lead the ace and a second trump. If East wins and leads the jack of hearts, South can ruff high, draw the missing trump and claim. Treat your trump suit with care. Regard it like you would your family or faith.

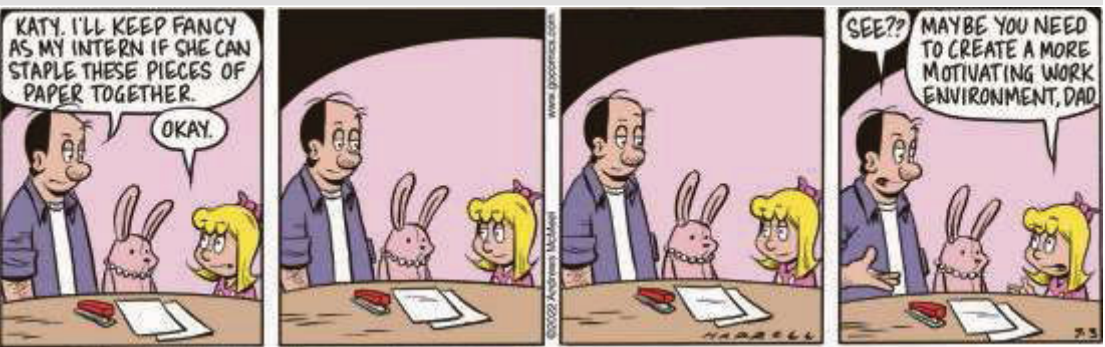
DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ A 6 5 ♥ A Q 6 5 ♦ A Q 8 2 ♣ Q 3. The dealer, at your right, opens one club. You double, the next player raises to two clubs and your partner bids two hearts. The opening bidder passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have 18 points, but your queen of clubs is surely worthless. Moreover, partner may have competed with a light hand such as K 4 3, K J 4 2, 7 6 5, 7 6 5, and then eight tricks might be your limit. Raise only to three hearts.

ZIPPY “He Am What He Am” by Bill Griffith



ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution

E	D	M		P	E	S		E	L	O	T	E
E	L	V	S		I	R	E	P	O	L	O	L
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R	V	C		S	O	S		E	S	E	E	O
I	L	V	D		A	P	V	R	E	H	L	R
H	C	E	E	T		E	M	I	R	C	U	R
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L	P	A	D	A		E	S	N	O		S	I

Today's Sudoku Solution

2	1	4	7	5	3	6	9	8
9	8	5	2	1	6	7	3	4
6	7	3	4	9	8	5	1	2
4	3	9	5	8	2	1	7	6
1	2	8	6	7	9	4	5	3
7	5	6	3	4	1	8	2	9
8	6	7	9	2	5	3	4	1
3	4	2	1	6	7	9	8	5
5	9	1	8	3	4	2	6	7

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT



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Jon Hamm (seen in May at Cannes, France) will join “The Morning Show” as a media mogul. Julianna Margulies (below right) will return as a veteran journalist who had an affair last season with Bradley, played by Reese Witherspoon (below left).

Will season 3 be a wakeup call for ‘The Morning Show’?

The second season of “The Morning Show” was a turnoff, although the writers did finally figure out how to resolve that pesky Steve Carell plot. But I’m sticking around for season 3, if only to check out the new cast members and to see if the story lines improve under new showrunner Charlotte Stoudt.

Jon Hamm is now onboard, as a media mogul who is a problem for Billy Crudup’s character. Hamm v. Crudup? Oh yes sign me up. Tig Notaro has also signed on, too, as the chief of staff for Hamm’s character. And Nicole Beharie, who was on “Sleepy Hollow” and is now appearing in the movie “Honk for Jesus. Save Your



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION/AP/FILE

Soul,” has been cast as an irreverent new anchor.

Julianna Margulies is going to return to the Apple TV+ show, as a veteran journalist who had an affair with Reese Witherspoon’s Bradley last season.

Q. My husband and I have kids in elementary school. Our marriage is solid in some areas: kids, finances, taking care of the house, and we are good friends. But in the physical aspect it is lacking, much to his dismay.

It hasn’t bothered me that much to be honest. Between kids, working full time, and some of my own health issues, it is what it is. But we’ve had a lot of discussions about the lack of physical intimacy. I will admit I’m not as physically attracted to him as I once was.

Three years ago, I met a guy who has kids the same age as mine. Thinking back to the early days, there was something about him that was intriguing, but I didn’t think much of it because I’m married. We started talking to each other in person when we saw each other, and started messaging when COVID started. It was really nice to have a new friend to talk to during a weird time. In the last two years, our families have gotten closer and become good friends. His wife and I get along fine. I like her. The guy and my husband get along well too.

The guy and I text quite a bit. Looking at my text app over the last year, we have sent more than 1,500 text messages to each other. My husband is OK with the friendship, but I don’t think he realizes how much I talk to this man. Is this an emotional affair? We don’t bash our spouses to one another. We talk about our kids, our mutual friends, and plan activities. As far as flirting goes, it’s been pretty limited over text. A few comments here or there. When we are in person, sometimes he stares into my eyes and it’s like ... wow, that feels good. Physically, we keep our hands to ourselves.

Obviously, I like him. I don’t know how he feels about me. I know he likes me as a friend. We live in the same town and hang around the same people. If anything did happen, it would be scandalous. I don’t feel guilty about liking him at all — it feels very natural and normal, which is kind of scary and liberating at the same time.

Just friends? Emotional affair? I feel like we are somewhere in the middle. Is this all in my head? What to do? Do I come clean? Or just let it naturally progress and see what happens?

WHAT TO DO?

A. You’re thinking about this man a lot, and that’s part of the problem.

Some of the time you spend on him could be used to work on your relationship with your husband. You could send five less texts to the guy and take a 15-minute walk with your spouse. You could get into bed with your husband for a half hour, tell each other a bunch of stuff about your days, and see where things go.

Crushes happen, even during great marriages, but you can choose where to set boundaries and how to make sure you’re still connecting with the person you love. I’m on team “talk to your husband about improving emotional and physical intimacy.” Therapy might help, but really, quality time is the most important thing. Do the two of you have time to have fun?

I suspect, based on your last paragraph, that you need help figuring out what rules to set for yourself for this platonic relation-

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

After 1,500 texts, is this an emotional affair?

ship. I like that you stay away from saying bad things about spouses. The rest of it sounds fine. This is more of a mind-set issue. You ask whether things should naturally progress, and my answer to that is ... no? Progress to what? The status quo *is* the desired final form of this relationship. You love spending time with this other man, but that doesn’t mean you’d work as a couple. It’s easy to be smitten with someone when you don’t have to pay bills and watch three kids with them.

Carve out moments to be relaxed and engaged with your husband. If that seems impossible based on schedules, ask people in your community (maybe even the crush friend) to take a kid for a sleepover. You need a beat to connect with the person you married, to look into *his* eyes and notice things. If you don’t see anything you like, that’s another issue, but you’re not there yet.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

You might be pouring intimacy into that friendship that could benefit your marriage, and if you let that slide for too long, you could end up with a lot of problems. Your husband is already “dis-mayed” about the lack of sex, so I think it’s important you don’t brush that under the rug and actually try to meaningfully address that.

BONECOLD

The issue here isn’t that you text this guy a lot. I have platonic friendships where I text about a lot of things that are going on or that I’m thinking through. But the fact is, this guy is distracting you from your marriage. You are indifferent to your lack of physical and emotional intimacy with your husband, in part because you are getting a flash of intimacy and affirmation from your friend. That, to me, signals a significant problem. You need to invest in your actual relationship and build on what you have — or at least what you once had. This is not a disaster of a marriage; things have slowed way down in part because you’ve just been coasting. That’s not going to work in the long term. Invest in your marriage now before you blow it all up and have to build everything out of a crater.

PRINCEHANS

If he’s the last person you’re talking to before bedtime, and if he knows things that you haven’t told your husband, yeah, it’s an emotional affair. The question is what are you going to do about it?

DANGLEPARTICIPLE

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	7:00p.m.	7:30p.m.	8:00p.m.	8:30p.m.	9:00p.m.	9:30p.m.	10:00p.m.	10:30p.m.	11:00p.m.	11:30p.m.
2	WGBH PBS Escape to the Chateau (CC) TV-PG	The Bo-Teau TV-PG	The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family TV-PG	Guilt on Masterpiece HD TV-14-V	Guilt on Masterpiece HD TV-14-L	Guilt on Masterpiece HD TV-14-L	R. Steves' Europe	Stories-Stage		
4	WBZ CBS Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC) TV-G	48 Hours (CC) HD	48 Hours (CC) HD	The Taylor Hawkins Tribute Concert (CC)	WBZ News 11p	Phantom Gourmet			
5	WCVB ABC Coll. Football	College Football (CC) Notre Dame at Ohio State. Live. NEW				NewsCenter 5	Soledad O'Brien			
6	WLNE ABC Football	College Football (CC) Notre Dame at Ohio State. Live. NEW				News	Paid Prog.			
7	WHDH Inside Edition	Funny You Ask	Family Feud	Family Feud	7 News at 9PM (CC) NEW	7 News at 10PM (CC) NEW	7 News at 11PM NEW	(11:35) Extra TV-PG		
9	WMUR ABC Football	College Football (CC) Notre Dame at Ohio State. Live. NEW					News	Chaos		
10	NBC Boston Ukraine in Crisis!	1st Look TV-PG	America's Got Talent (CC) Eleven acts perform live; viewers judge. HD TV-PG	America's Got Talent (CC) Eleven acts perform live; viewers judge. HD TV-PG	Dateline NBC (CC) HD	Dateline NBC (CC) HD	News at 11	Saturday Night Live		
10	WJAR NBC NBC 10 News	Old, Drafty Windows?					News	Saturday Night Live		
11	WENH PBS Escape to the Chateau (CC) TV-PG	The Goes Wro	Hope Street TV-PG	Death in Paradise (CC) TV-PG	Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar TV-14-D,S,V					
12	WPRI CBS Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC) TV-G	48 Hours (CC) HD	48 Hours (CC) HD	The Taylor Hawkins Tribute Concert (CC)	12 News at 11 NEW	Recovery TV			
25	WFXR FOX MLB Baseball (CC) Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Guardians. From Progressive Field in Cleveland. Live. HD NEW				Justice Rules	Inside Music	Beat Shazam HD TV-PG-D,L			
27	WUNI Fútbol Mexicano Primera División	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Atlas vs. Pumas UNAM. Live. NEW								
36	WSBE PBS All Creatures Great and Small	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	Ocean State S	Ocean State S		
38	WSBK Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	SEAL Team (CC) TV-14-L,V	SEAL Team (CC) TV-14-L,V	CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (CC) NEW	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory			
44	WGBX PBS All Creatures Great and Small	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	All Creatures Great and Small TV-PG	Beat Shazam HD TV-PG-D,L			
50	WWJE The Last 24 TV-14	The Last 24 TV-14	The Last 24 TV-14	The Last 24 TV-14	The Last 24 TV-14	The Last 24 TV-14	Cold Case Files (CC)			
56	WLVI CW Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Great Chocolate Showdown TV-PG	Masters of Illusion of Illusion	7 News at 10PM on CW56 (CC) NEW	Seinfeld TV-PG	Beat Shazam HD TV-PG-D,L			
64	WNAC FOX MLB Baseball (CC) Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Guardians. From Progressive Field in Cleveland. Live. HD NEW				12 News on Fox Pr	Seinfeld TV-PG	Beat Shazam HD TV-PG-D,L			
68	WBPX ION Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-L,V	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-L,V	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-L,V	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-L,V	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-L,V	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-L,V			
PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax	(6:03) ** Harlem Nights (1989)	** Hot Shots! (1991) (CC) PG-13	(9:25) *** Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993) (CC) PG-13	(10:55) The Day After Tomorrow (CC)						
Flix	(6:00) *** The Last Boy Scout (1991) R	** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (CC) Premiere. R	*** The Crow (1994) (CC) Premiere. R	** Wonderland R						
HBO	(6:00) * Robin Hood (2018)	*** Elvis (2022) (CC) to fame in the 1950s. PG-13	Premiere. Elvis Presley rises	(10:40) House of the Dragon TV-MA	(11:40) 2 Guns R					
HBO 2	(6:25) Mortal Kombat Westworld (2021) (CC) R	(7:25) ** Mortal Kombat (2021) (CC) R	(9:15) *** The Spectacular Now (2013) (CC) Premiere. R	(10:55) The Many Saints of Newark R						
Showtime	(6:00) *** Arrival (2016)	*** Red Rocket (2021) (CC) Premiere. R	(10:10) Pleasure (2021) Premiere. Bella Cherry rises to the top of the adult film world. NR							
Showtime 2	Billions Axe makes a big decision. TV-MA	The Chi (CC) TV-MA	*** Logan Lucky (2017) Premiere. Siblings plan to pull off a heist during a NASCAR race.	** National Champions (2021) R						
Starz!	(6:10) ** Life (1999) (CC) R	(8:01) *** The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005) (CC) Premiere. R	*** Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019) (CC) PG-13							
TMC	(6:50) *** Mission: Impossible III (2006) (CC) PG-13	*** Sleepy Hollow (1999) (CC) R		(10:50) The Texas Chain Saw Massacre						
SPORTS										
CBSSN	Inside Football	College Football SMU at North Texas. Live. NEW		Inside Football	Inside Football					
ESPN	College Football (CC) Utah at Florida. Live. NEW			Coll. Football	College Football (CC) Boise State at Oregon State. Live. NEW					
ESPN2	2022 U.S. Open Tennis (CC) Third Round. Action from the third round of the tournament. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, in New York. Live. NEW				SportsCenter (CC) Live. NEW					
Fox Sports 1	College Football (CC) Illinois State at Wisconsin. Live. NEW				College Football (CC) Kent State at Washington. Live. NEW					
Golf	Golf C'tral	LPGA Tour Golf (CC) Dana Open, Third Round.		PGA Korn Ferry Tour						
NBA	High Tops	Hardwood Classics		NBA TV Marquee Matchup	High Tops					
NBC Sports Boston	Golf Channel Acad.	Golf Channel Acad.	American Ninja Warrior (CC) TV-PG	American Ninja Warrior TV-PG	United Fight Alliance (CC)	World Poker Tour: Season 10 (CC)				
NESN	Extra	Red Sox	Shuffle	C. Moore	Cruisin'	Cruisin'	New Eng.	Dirty		
FAMILY										
Cartoon	(6:00) Adventure Time	King/Hill	King/Hill	Futurama	Futurama	American Hamster & Gretel	American Big City Greens	American Big City Greens	Rick Ladybug & Cat	
Disney	Descendants 2 (2017) (CC) The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal. NR			The Villains	The Villains					
Encore Family	(6:18) Sideways (1993)	Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! G	(9:28) *** Dunston Checks In (1958) Friends							
Nickelodeon	Sponge.	Sponge.	*** The Peanuts Movie (2015) (CC)							
Nick Jr.	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW

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TV-MA Mature audience only Additional symbols: D Suggestive dialogue; FV Fantasy violence; L Strong language; S Sexual activity; V Violence; HD High-Definition; (CC) Close-Captioned

	News	Specials									
	7:00p.m.	7:30p.m.	8:00p.m.	8:30p.m.	9:00p.m.	9:30p.m.	10:00p.m.	10:30p.m.	11:00p.m.	11:30p.m.	
BASIC CABLE											
A&E	The First 48 (CC) TV-14-L		The First 48 (CC) TV-14-L,V		Cold Case Files (CC) TV-14			(10:01) American Justice (CC) TV-PG		(11:04) The First 48 (CC) TV-14-V	
AMC	(5:30) *** Rocky II		*** Rocky III (1982) (CC)					*** Rocky IV (1985) (CC)			
Animal Planet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet TV-PG		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet A dog comes in with a fever. TV-PG NEW				Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet TV-PG		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet TV-PG		
BBC America	Planet Earth: Africa		** The Accountant (2016) (CC)							The Accountant (2016)	
BET	(5:30) ** Rush Hour 2 (2001) (CC)		* Rush Hour 3 (2007) (CC) Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.					*** Training Day (2001) (CC)			
Bravo	* Billy Madison (1995) (CC)			** Happy Gilmore (1996) (CC)					* Billy Madison (1995) (CC)		
CMT	(6:15) ** The Vow (2012)			(8:45) ** Where the Heart Is (2000) (CC)			Walk Line				
CNN	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		History of the Sitcom		History of the Sitcom		History of the Sitcom		
Comedy Central	The Office TV-14		The Office TV-14-D		** 50 First Dates (2004) (CC) A man falls for a woman who has short-term memory loss.			*** The Wedding Singer (1998) A 1980s wedding crooner attempts to find true love.			
CSPAN	(3:30) Washington This Week (CC)			Public Affairs Events (CC)							
CSPAN2	A. Scull Govzilla		(7:59) Booknotes		Lou Perez History TV Book		Book		National Book Festival		
Dest. America	Flea Flea		Flea Flea		Flea Flea		Flea Flea		Flea Flea		
Discovery	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown (CC) TV-PG			Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown			
Discovery Life	Trauma: Life in the ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		
E!	** The Mummy Returns (2001) (CC)							** The Scorpion King (2002) (CC)			
Encore	Natl Lmnp (7:26) All the Right Moves			** Demolition Man (1993) (CC) R				Ghost Rider: Spirit			
Food	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	Diners, Drive, In	
Fox News	Gutfeld! (CC)		One Nation		Dan Bongino		Lawrence Jones		One Nation		
Freeform	(6:50) *** Abominable (2019) Premiere.				(8:55) *** Sing (2016) (CC)				Toy 3		
FUSE	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Sex Sells	Sex Sells	Sex Sells	Sex Sells	1 Night in San Diego		
FX	(5:00) The Avengers				*** Avengers: Infinity War (2018) (CC)			Shadows			
FXM	Girls Trip (7:40)		* Just Married (2003) (CC)			(9:35) * Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (CC)		Once			
Hallmark	(6:00) A Tail of Love		Marry Me in Yosemite (2022) Premiere. TV-G			(10:01) Love Strikes Twice (2021) TV-G					
Hallmark M.&M.	Signed, Sealed		Signed, Sealed		Signed, Sealed		Signed, Sealed		Murder, She Wrote		
HGTV	Help! I Wrecked My House (CC) TV-G		Help! I Wrecked My House TV-G		Help! I Wrecked My House TV-G		(10:01) First Home Fix (CC)		(11:01) Help! I Wrecked My House		
History	American Pickers (CC) TV-PG		American Pickers (CC) TV-PG		(9:02) American Pickers TV-PG		(10:05) American Pickers TV-PG		(11:05) American Pickers TV-PG		
HLN	The Murder Tapes		The Murder Tapes		The Murder Tapes		The Murder Tapes		The Murder Tapes		
HSN	EcoFlow Power		Fall Home Solutions		Labor Day Sale TV-G		Labor Day Sale TV-G		EcoFlow Power		
ID	Disappeared (CC) TV-PG		Married With Secrets (CC) TV-14		Married With Secrets (CC) TV-14		Scorned: Fatal Fury		Scorned: Fatal Fury		
IFC	(5:30) The Terminator		*** Predator (1987) (CC)					** Predator 2 (1990) (CC)			
Lifetime	(6:00) ** Kidnap		*** Pretty Woman (1990) (CC)					Phrogging: Hider			
LMN	Here Kills the Bride		Dying to Marry Him (2021) (CC)					Fatal Fiancé (2021) (CC)			
MAGN	Fixer Upper TV-G		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		
MSNBC	American Voices		Ayman (CC) Live. NEW		Ayman (CC) Live. NEW		Alex Wagner Tonight		11th Hour		
MTV	(6:45) ** Spider-Man 3 (2007) (CC)		George W. Bush: The 9/11 Interview TV-14					*** Spider-Man (2002) (CC)			
National Geographic	The '90s: The Last Great Decade? TV-14		The '90s: The Last Great Decade? TV-14		George W. Bush: The 9/11 Interview TV-14		Inside 9/11: War on America (CC) Investigation of events. TV-PG				
NatGeoWild	The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol		
NECN	The HUB House		Mom2 Rescue		1st Look House		Rescue The HUB		News Chef's		
NewsNation	NewsNation Prime NEW		NewsNation Prime NEW		NewsNation Prime NEW		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime		
Ovation	Red Election		** Young Guns (1988)					** Young Guns II (1990)			
OWN	Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		
Oxygen	(6:30) Cold Justice		Cold Justice (CC) TV-14			911 Crisis Center		911 Crisis		911 Crisis	
Paramount	Yellowst. Yellowstone TV-MA		(8:27) Yellowstone		(9:28) Yellowstone		(10:29) Yellowstone		Yellowst. Yellowstone		
QVC	Isaac Mizrahi Live! NEW		La-Z-Boy TV-G NEW		Belle by Kim Gravel		Total Gym Experience		At Home With Rick New		
Science	What on Earth? TV-PG		What on Earth? (CC) TV-PG NEW							What on Earth? TV-PG	
Sundance	*** For a Few Dollars More (1965) (CC) Two gunmen form an uneasy alliance to hunt down an outlaw. R					*** El Dorado (1967) (CC) A gunfighter and a drunken sheriff face an evil land baron. NR					
SyFy	(6:25) Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004)					(9:25) *** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005)					
TBS	Burgers Burgers		Burgers Burgers		Burgers American		American American		** The Change-Up		
TCM	Ballad of Cable		*** Double Indemnity (1944) (CC)			** The Postman Always Rings Twice					
TLC	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		
TNT	Star Wars: Att		(8:07) *** Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith (2005) (CC)					Star Wars: The			
Travel	Most Terrifying Places		Most Terrifying Places		Most Terrifying Places (CC) TV-14				Most Terrifying Places		
TruTV	Jokers Jokers		Jokers Jokers		Jokes Jokes		Jokes Jokes		Jokes Jokes		
TV Land	Mom (CC) Mom (CC)		Mom (CC) Mom (CC)		Two Men Two Men		Two Men Two Men		Two Men Two Men		
TV One	Matters Matters		Sanford Sanford		Sanford Sanford		Sanford Sanford		Sanford Sanford		
USA	(6:35) ** Fast Five (2011) (CC) Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil.					(9:35) *** Furious 7 (2015) (CC) A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang.					
VH-1	(5:30) ** Step Up		** Save the Last Dance (2001) (CC)					*** Drumline (2002) (CC)			
WE	NCIS TV-14-L,S,V		NCIS (CC) TV-14-V		NCIS (CC) TV-PG-L		NCIS (CC) TV-PG-L		NCIS (CC) TV-PG-L		